



PFAS

Forever

Chemicals

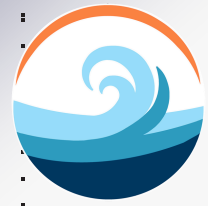
What They Are & Why They
Matter to Brevard County

*Protecting water, health, and
community trust*



What are PFAS?

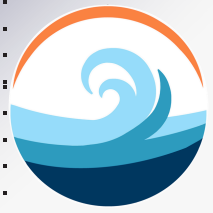
- PFAS = Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances
- Over 12,000 identified compounds globally
- Carbon-fluorine bond is **one of the strongest bonds in chemistry**
- That bond is why PFAS:
 - Resist heat and breakdown
 - Persist in groundwater
 - Accumulate in human blood and organs
- PFAS are not naturally occurring



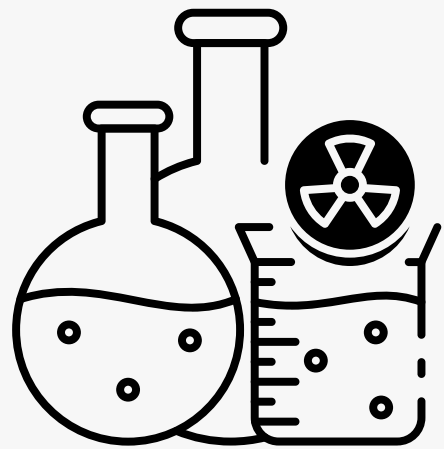
Where Do PFAS Enter Drinking Water?

- **Firefighting foams** used nationwide for decades
- **Industrial** and advanced manufacturing processes
- **Wastewater** and landfill runoff
- **Everyday products** washing into the environment

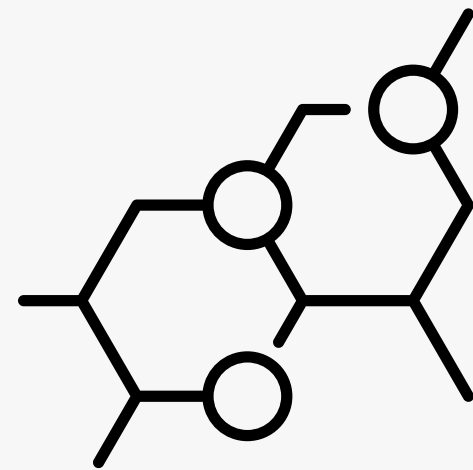




Why PFAS Is Not “Just Another Chemical”



**Most
chemicals
degrade or
leave the
body**



**PFAS persist
and
accumulate
over time**



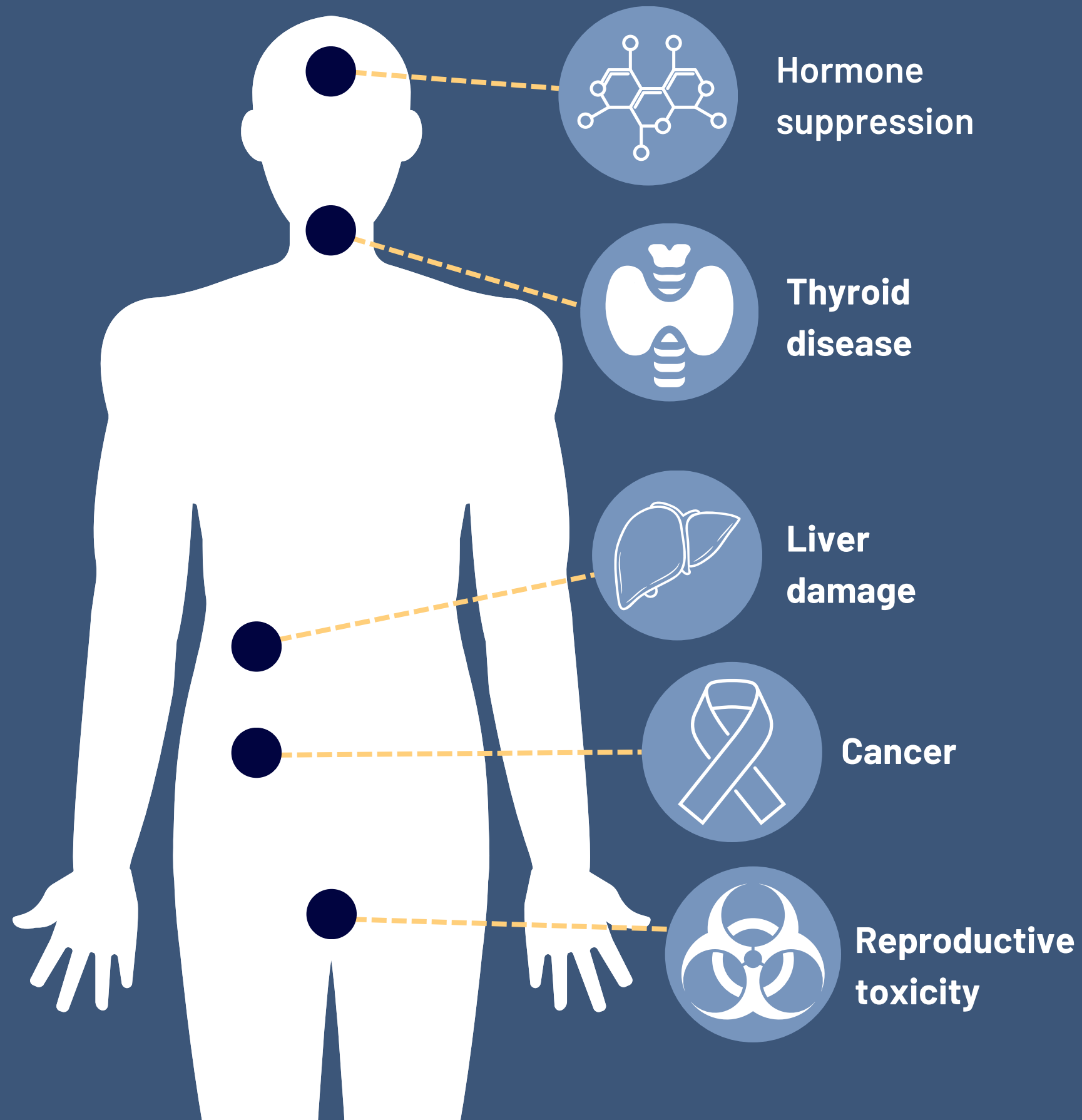
**Even small
exposures
contribute to
total body
burden**



**Drinking
water creates
continuous
exposure**



Studies show an association between PFAS exposure and adverse health effects, such as:



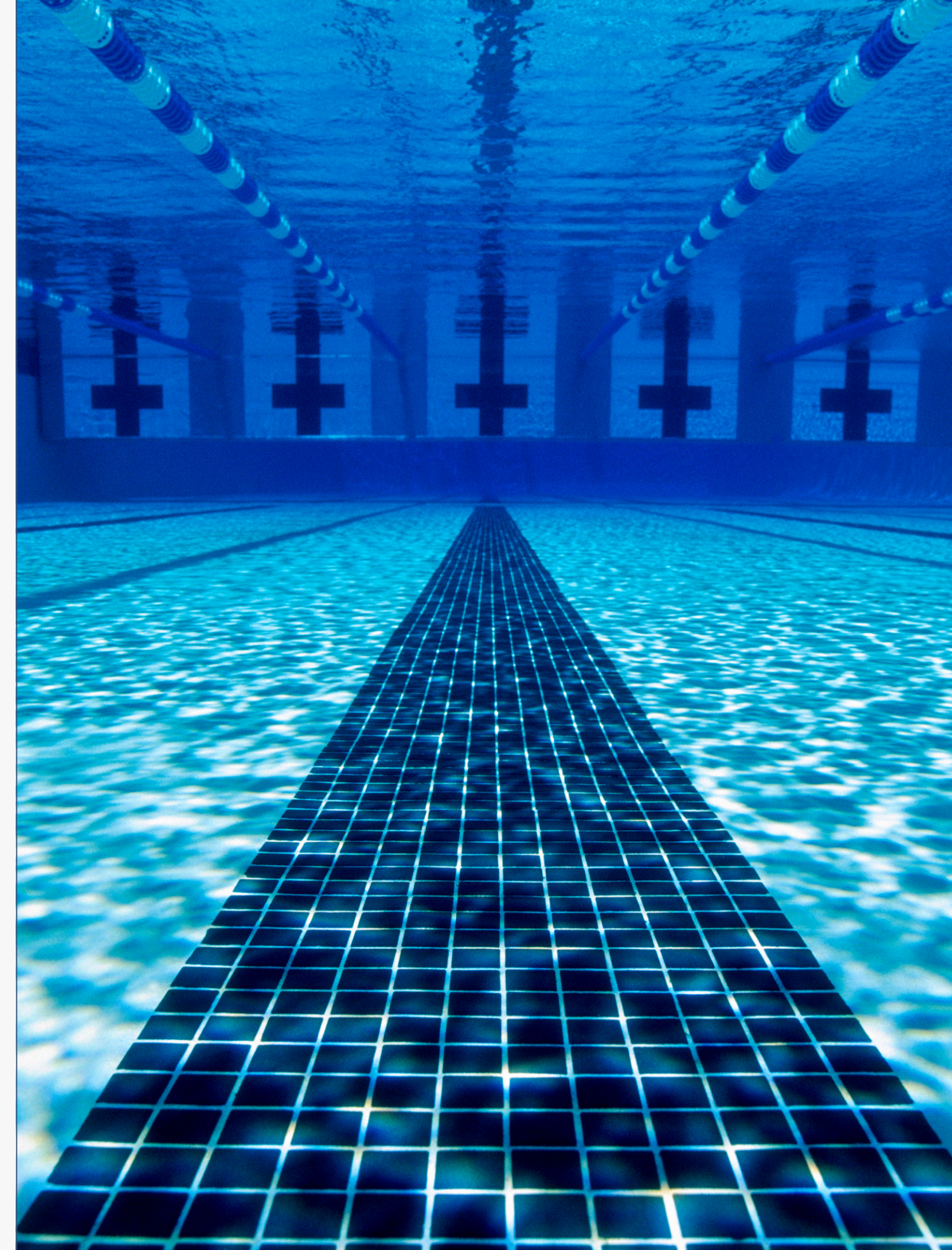
What the Science Shows

- Linked to kidney and testicular cancers
- Thyroid disease
- Immune system suppression
- Elevated cholesterol
- **Pregnancy impacts:** low birth weight, developmental effects



Understanding the Numbers

- Parts per trillion = drops in an Olympic-size pool
- PFAS cause harm at levels too small to taste or see
- **Risk comes from years of exposure, not a single glass**
- Standards exist because science shows harm at these levels





Why Brevard County Should Care

- Brevard County relies on groundwater sources
- Population growth increases water demand
- Long-term planning reduces future costs
- Water quality affects public trust



What Communities Are Doing

- Test and disclose
- Plan long-term infrastructure solutions
- Communicate clearly with residents
- Avoid costly emergency reactions later

Thank you!

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