

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Show Coliform Bacteria in the Village of Lake Linden water system.

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. This is not an emergency however, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Our routine sample at the Village Hall was positive for August and one of the three repeat samples was also positive. If more than one distribution sample is positive in any given month, a violation of a drinking water standard has occurred and public notification is required.

What should I do?

A chlorine disinfectant was added to the system. The mains were flushed to distribute the chlorine disinfectant throughout the system. Samples are being collected to monitor the water quality.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator of the presence of other, potentially-harmful, bacteria.. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing. If we had, we would have notified you immediately.

What happened? What is being done?

We are investigating a possible cause of these positive samples. We will continue to add a disinfectant to the system for a short period of time and collect additional samples to verify the system is free of coliform bacteria.

For more information, please contact the water superintendent Andy Goldsworthy through the Village office.

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