

DRINKING WATER WARNING

E. coli is present in _____

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Select the situation that applies (you must select one) and fill-in the dates:

Our water system had a total coliform-positive routine sample result on _____ followed by an *E. coli*-positive repeat sample result on _____.

Our water system had an *E. coli*-positive routine sample result on _____ followed by a total coliform-positive repeat sample result on _____.

Our water system had an *E. coli*-positive routine sample result on _____ and we failed to take all required repeat samples.

Our water system had a total coliform-positive repeat sample result on _____ and failed to test for *E. coli*.

These bacteria can make you sick, and are especially a concern for people with weakened immune systems. Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- **E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.**

- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their healthcare providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

Describe corrective action: _____

We anticipate resolving the problem within _____.

For more information, please contact _____ at _____
or _____. General guidelines on ways to
lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from the EPA Safe
Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by _____.

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