

**PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Tri-Town Water District, VT0005001

Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated drinking water standards. Although this is not an emergency, customers 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. Test results from the four quarters ending with the **Fourth Quarter 2025** shows that our system violated the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM.

The standard for TTHM is 80 UG/L. The running annual average from the last four quarters of results for TTHM was **85 UG/L**.

What should I do?

The drinking water standard (MCL) is based on lifetime exposure to TTHM which may increase your risk of getting cancer. Continuing to drink the water is a personal decision that you must make for yourself by considering the health risk, cost, and convenience. You may choose to use bottled water or water from an alternate source.

You do not need to boil your water. You can continue to use the water for showering, bathing, washing your food and dishes, brushing your teeth, and other household uses.

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. Drinking water containing TTHM at this concentration will not lead to any short-term effects such as vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach pains.

Haloacetic acids and trihalomethanes are organic chemicals that form when chlorine disinfectant reacts with natural organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. In animal studies, some total trihalomethanes have been associated with reproductive or developmental effects.

What happened? What is being done?

See attached letter for further explanation

For more information, please contact Darwin Pratt at 802-758-2202 or Chairman, PO Box 85, Bridport VT 05734

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.

February 10, 2026

**Tri-Town Water District No. 1
PO Box 85
Bridport, VT 05734**

Dear Customer,

We have completed our most recent water testing and are pleased to report that testing showed our Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) levels were within the state and federal drinking water standards. However, Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) exceeded the allowable limit during this quarter. While these two measurements are related, it is important to understand that they are separate water quality indicators and can behave differently in the distribution system.

Both HAA5 and TTHMs are byproducts formed when chlorine, which is used to disinfect drinking water, reacts with naturally occurring organic matter in the source water. Although they are created through similar processes, they are chemically different compounds and respond differently to factors such as water temperature, water age, and how long water remains in the system before reaching customers. As a result, it is possible—and not uncommon—for one to meet standards while the other does not during the same monitoring period.

This is not an emergency, and your water is safe to use. If there were an immediate health concern, we would notify you right away. The levels we found are just above the limit set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over a one-year average. You don't need to take any action. You can continue to use and drink your water as usual. If you have specific health concerns, you may wish to speak with your doctor.

We understand the confusion between the two testing might bring, along with the continued frustration of failed tests. We take water quality very seriously and are committed to keeping your drinking water safe and reliable. We are not the only water provider drawing from Lake Champlain facing these test results. The District is in the beginning stages of a water filter rehab and is working hard to ensure future testing results meet all required standards.

If you have any questions, please call us at 802-758-2202.

Thank you for your understanding and for being our valued customer.

Sincerely,
Darwin Pratt, Chairman