

PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT
YOUR DRINKING WATER
Tri Town Water District, VT 0005001
Levels of Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)
& 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 **First Quarter 2026** show that our system violated the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) & TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES.

The standard for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) is 60 µg/L. The running annual average from the last four quarters of results for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) was **65 µg/L**.

The standard for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) is 80 µg/L. The running annual average from the last four quarters of results for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) was **90 µg/L**.

What should I do?

The drinking water standard (MCL) is based on lifetime exposure to TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) & TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (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 TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) & TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES 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 disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. In animal studies, some haloacetic acids have been associated with reproductive or developmental effects.

What happened? What is being done?

See attached letter.

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.

May 5, 2026

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

Dear Customer,

We want to let you know that our recent water tests showed higher than normal levels of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) and Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) in the drinking water. These acids form when chlorine—used to disinfect and keep your water safe—reacts with natural materials found in the water.

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. Please note that a standard carbon filter is designed to remove both Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) and Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) from drinking water.

We understand the continued frustration with these test results. We take water quality very seriously and are committed to keeping your drinking water safe and reliable. The District is working on ways to combat these higher levels through flushing and plant improvements. We expect the HAA5 and TTHM levels to return to normal soon and will keep you updated.

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
Tri-Town Water Board of Commissioners