PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Tri-Town Water District, VT0005001

Levels of Total Trihalomethanes & Total Haloacetic Acids 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 **Third Quarter 2026** show that our system violated the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TTHM and HAA5.

The standard for TTHM is 80 µg/L. The running annual average from the last four quarters of results for TTHM is **94 UG/L.** The standard for HAA5 is 60 µg/L. The running annual average from the last four quarters of results for TTHM is **85 UG/L.**

What should I do?

The drinking water standard (MCL) is based on lifetime exposure to TTHM & HAA5 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.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids 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?

Tri- Town Water is working diligently to combat the issues. We are working to minimize the formation of HAA5 and TTHM while ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant. We have taken additional steps to change disinfectant types and levels to remove the natural organic matter reaction in the waterlines.

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