



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este aviso contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable, por favor lea el aviso en español si va aquí incluido. Si el aviso en español no va incluido aquí, contacte al sistema de agua para pedir una copia.

Idyllwild Water District has levels of Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids Above Drinking Water Standards

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water constituents. Testing results we received on June 15, 2018, show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAAs). The MCL standards for THMs and HAAs are 80 parts per billion (ppb) and 60 ppb, respectively. The average level of Total Trihalomethanes over the last year was 87 ppb. The average level of Haloacetic Acids over the last year was 64 ppb.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. , bottled) water supply.**
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years have an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What was done?

We add chlorine to the well water for disinfection. Chlorine is a disinfectant used for drinking water treatment throughout the country, and its addition is required by the State. However, the added chlorine also reacts with natural organic matter that is present in all water supplies and forms low levels of THMs and HAAs. If the levels of the natural organic matter increase, the levels of THMs and HAAs formed increase. The persistent drought and water supply conditions caused an increase in the level of the natural organic matter in some of our wells, which then increased the levels of THMs and HAAs in the drinking water served to part of our service area.

In response to this finding, we have reached out to engineering professionals to help us implement changes to the system to reduce the levels of THMs and HAAs formed. These may include the construction of a filtration system at the impacted wells to remove some of the natural organic matter from the water and thus form less THMs and HAAs. We will keep our customers posted on the progress of this effort.

We anticipate resolving the problem within 6 to 12 months depending on the type of solution to be implemented. In the meantime, we are minimizing the use of the impacted wells and relying more on wells that form lower levels of THMs and HAAs.

For more information, please contact Jack Hoagland at 951-659-2143 or at the following mailing address: PO Box 397, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

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