

DRINKING WATER NOTICES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Tests Show Coliform Bacteria in Riverbend Subdivision Water

Our water system recently had work done to relocate a water main at the entrance to Riverbend Subdivision. When the work was completed, MSC tested the water to ensure it was absent of bacteria. The test results indicated that Coliform bacteria was present in the samples. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

What should you do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at an increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever coliform bacteria are detected in any sample, follow-up testing is done to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in subsequent testing.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately. However, we are still finding coliforms in the drinking water.

What happened? What is being done?

We have contacted the Office of Drinking Water and are following their guidance to resolve this issue.

We will flush and chlorinate the system. You may taste or smell the chlorine.

We will inform you when our sampling shows that no bacteria are present. We anticipate resolving the problem within two days.

For more information, please contact Jay Guyer or Ryan Jaeger at 302-323-2333.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice direct

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