

DRINKING WATER WARNING: Tests Show Elevated Levels of Nitrate

DO NOT DRINK THIS WATER



**DO NOT USE
THIS WATER FOR:
Drinking
Preparing Baby Formula
Preparing Other Beverages**

**For your safety, until the contamination problem has been corrected,
safe drinking water is being provided as follows:**

Water sampling results have detected levels of nitrate in this water supply which are greater than the US EPA maximum contaminant level of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/l). Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

POSSIBLE HEALTH EFFECTS

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. Seek medical attention immediately if symptoms occur in a child less than six months old.

If you are pregnant or have other specific health concerns, you may wish to contact your doctor regarding the effects of nitrate in drinking water.

Do not boil the water. Boiling can make nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when water evaporates.

STEPS WE ARE TAKING

Until the contamination problem has been corrected, we are providing safe drinking water at the location listed above. The following steps are also being taken to correct the problem:

If you have any questions, please contact us at:



Minnesota Department of Health
Drinking Water Protection Section
625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155
651/201-4700

Instructions for Public Notification-Nitrate Warning Notice

When do I use this notice?

This public notification posting is to be used when nitrate has been detected in your water supply at an amount greater than the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/l).

How do I use this notice?

The notice should be completed by providing the following information: location where safe drinking water is being provided, steps being taken to correct the problem, and the name/phone number of a contact person at the public water system. Copies of the notice must then be posted at all fixtures that provide drinking water (such as sinks, drinking fountains, and water coolers).

Food and beverage establishments should provide notice at their entry area(s), and should inform customers that bottled water is being used for all drinking/cooking purposes. Lodging establishments should provide notice at check-in and should inform customers that bottled water for drinking is being provided in their rooms.

How long must I post the notice?

Notice(s) must remain in place until nitrate levels remain below 10 mg/l. You will be informed by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) or your local health agency when the notices may be removed.

Am I required to post this notice?

Yes. Public notification is required for violations of drinking water standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4720. Please note that this notice contains required health effects language. Changes in the content of this notice must not be made without the consent of MDH or your local health agency.