

**DRINKING WATER WARNING: Tests Show Presence of Coliform Bacteria**

**DO NOT DRINK THIS WATER**



**DO NOT USE  
THIS WATER  
FOR:  
Drinking  
Food Preparation  
Making Ice  
Brushing Teeth**

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

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Water sampling results have detected total coliform bacteria in this water supply.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present.

Some people, including immuno-compromised people, some elderly, and infants may be at increased risk if potentially harmful bacteria are present in the water supply.

In order to protect public health, the Minnesota Department of Health does not allow use of the water for drinking as long as coliform bacteria are present.

**STEPS WE ARE TAKING**

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

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If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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## **Instructions for Public Notification-Total Coliform Bacteria Warning Notice**

### **When do I use this notice?**

This public notice is to be used when the presence of total coliform bacteria has been detected in the water supply. This notice must not be used when E. coli has been detected.

### **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 or boiled 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 sampling confirms that the total coliform bacteria is no longer present in the water system. 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.