

PUBLIC NOTICE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tri Town Water District, VT0005001

Levels of Total Haloacetic Acids Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently exceeded 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 **First Quarter 2025** show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5).

The standard for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) is 60 UG/L. The running annual average from the last four quarters of results for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) was 63 UG/L.

What should I do?

The drinking water standard (MCL) is based on lifetime exposure to TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (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 TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) at this concentration will not lead to any short-term effects such as vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach pains.

Haloacetic acids are organic chemicals that form when chlorine disinfectant reacts with natural organic matter in the water.

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 exceeded the maximum contaminant level for Total Haloacetic acids. We are working to minimize the formation of HAA5 while ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant. We are consulting with the environmental scientist for technical assistance. We will be taking additional steps to change disinfectant levels by increasing the flushing of our water lines.

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

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.