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Water & Wastewater Utilities

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of Winter Park has levels of TTHMs above drinking water standards

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

This is the second notice you have received regarding the Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) levels. The City has been taking corrective action; however, despite the three most recent quarterly sampling results over the past 6 months meeting the drinking water standard, the average of the past four sample results do not meet the drinking water standard yet as described in detail below.

We routinely monitor for drinking water quality. TTHM are a by-product formed when chlorine disinfectant, used to control microbial contaminants in drinking water, react with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter in water. The state of Florida as well as many other states require the use of a disinfectant to minimize the possibility of bacterial contamination in the drinking water distribution system. The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for TTHM is 80 parts per billion (ppb). The latest test results collected on June 10, 2021 from one of our designated TTHM sampling sites was 71.10 ppb. Based on test results from previous quarters the running annual average (RAA) for TTHM is 80.98 ppb. This value exceeds the 80 ppb MCL for TTHM as shown in the table below.

Sample Date	6/10/2021	3/10/2021	12/10/2020	9/10/2020	RAA
6112 Forest City Rd	71.10 ppb	76.00 ppb	72.80 ppb	104.00 ppb	80.98 ppb

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take corrective actions. However, if you have any specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing TTHM in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

The Water & Wastewater Utilities Department has reviewed production and distribution system practices. We have increased the output on our automatic water flushers and lowered the storage tank level at the Wymore Repump Station to reduce water residence time.

The City of Winter Park will continue to monitor and report the TTHM results to you on a quarterly basis if the running annual average exceeds the MCL, as required by FDEP. If you should have any questions concerning this situation, please contact Water Treatment Assistant Manager Denesh Dewdat at 407-599-3542 or 1409 Howell Branch Road, Building 10, Winter Park, FL 32789.

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.

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