

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Water from the Town of Lake City Water Wells Does Not Meet Current Treatment Requirements

****Due to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) reclassification of the Town's water wells from Groundwater to Groundwater Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water (GWUDI), the Town of Lake City is REQUIRED by CDPHE to send out this notice. As a result of the reclassification, the Town is actively working with the CDPHE to upgrade the Town's water treatment methods to meet the acceptable technology approved in the filtration requirements. Please see below for more detailed information about where we are in the process and what we are doing in the meantime.****

We were notified that our water system violated a drinking water standard. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. On September 28th, 2013, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment informed the Town of Lake City that we needed to filter the water in addition to disinfecting because of this reclassification to GWUDI. We are required to install this filtration because we do not have adequate filtration in place to meet the reclassification standards.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- ✓ **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. A home filter will not necessarily solve the problem, because not all home filters protect against parasites. Call NSF International at 1(800) NSF-8010 or the Water Quality Association at 1(800) 749-0234 for information on appropriate filters.
- ✓ People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.
- ✓ Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What happened? What is being done?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. We do not know of any cases of contamination. However, until improvements are made, there is an increased chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply. Filtration is the best method for removing these organisms and the Town is currently working with our engineer and CDPHE to determine what filtration and disinfection methods will be adequate to meet the requirements of the GWUDI classification.

Describe corrective action: Due to the reclassification of the Town's water supply, the Town is required to improve filtration of the water pumped from our wells. The Town started working on this project at the beginning of 2014. Currently, the Town has secured all required financing for the first phase of this project and we have commenced a bank filtration study on final engineering design. The Town expects to start construction on water line replacement to reduce leakage and stress on the wells in August of 2015 to be completed in the fall. After results from spring bank filtration tests, final engineering will begin regarding treatment and disinfection systems to be installed. Financing anticipated to be from grants and loans will be sought this fall and the Town is hoping to be substantially complete with the project by the summer of 2016. We anticipate completely resolving this problem by August of 2016. Until the improved filtration system is installed, you will receive a notice similar to this every three (3) months or more frequently. For more information, please contact the Town Office at 970/944-2333, via e-mail at leslieklusmire@townoflakecity.co, or via standard mail at Town of Lake City, P.O. Box 544, Lake City, CO 81235.

Please feel free to share this information with any other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example: people in apartments and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Lake City.

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