

Important Information about Your Drinking Water

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Elevated Disinfection Byproducts at Raynham Center Water District

Our water system exceeded a drinking water standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for a water disinfection byproduct (DBP). Testing results came from routine monitoring of drinking water contaminants from 2nd Qtr of 2025.

The level of total trihalomethane (TTHM) averaged at our system's 33 Sandy Hill Rd was 83 micrograms per liter] ug/L and 981 Pine St was at 83 ug/L. The standard is 80 ug/L for TTHM.

The system concentrations are determined by averaging their concentrations in all samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Chlorine is added to drinking water sources to disinfect drinking water. They can interact with natural material in the water to form DBP.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes 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.

In addition, young children (including infants), pregnant women, or those who may become pregnant may be potentially more susceptible to risks from exposures to chemicals, such as TTHM.

What is Being Done?

The Water District is working with our consulting engineers to develop a plan that will reduce the elevated levels of TTHM's in our water distribution system. We are currently conducting water quality testing at our wells, treatment facilities, and storage tanks which will help identify where the elevated levels are forming in the distribution system. Once we receive the laboratory results, the Water District will work with our consultants to implement a plan that will be reviewed and approved by MassDEP which will reduce the TTHM levels to below the standard concentration levels throughout the distribution system.

The two new treatment facilities that are currently under construction will include equipment that will help reduce the TTHM levels in the distribution system. These facilities are expected to be completed in late fall 2026.

For more information, contact your water system operator at 508-824-0020.

What should I do?

You can choose to limit the amount of tap water used if you are pregnant, may become pregnant or are giving water to young children¹. For example, you can use water from another source, such as bottled water. You can let water sit in a pitcher overnight to allow the TTHM chemicals to leave the water. Most TTHM are volatile and will easily evaporate from the water at room temperature.

While breast milk can be a source of TTHM exposure for infants, **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that nursing mothers continue to breastfeed their babies because of the numerous protective health benefits, despite the potential presence of environmental contaminants.**

You can also use home water filters to reduce exposures. (See MassDEP's TTHM in Drinking Water Information for Consumers Fact Sheet - <https://www.mass.gov/media/2532601/download>)

If you have questions about your water system's operation, water quality monitoring, or response to this issue, please contact the system operator directly. If you have questions about the drinking water regulations or health risks posed by these contaminants, you can contact the MassDEP Drinking Water Program at: program.director-dwp@mass.gov or (617) 292-5770. If you have questions about specific symptoms, you can contact your doctor or other health care provider. If you have general questions about your health, you can contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 617-624-5757. Further information is available in the MassDEP's TTHM in Drinking Water Information for Consumers Fact Sheet (<https://www.mass.gov/media/2532601/download>).

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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