

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
The City of Mount Clemens Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results from quarterly samples collected in 2021 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for trihalomethanes. The standard for trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 80 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$). The level of TTHM in our system is determined by averaging the sample results collected during each quarter for the past 12 months. Unfortunately, we obtained one of the samples a few weeks later than required, so the results of that late sample were not allowed to be included in the calculation of the average. The average levels of TTHM at 25000 Joy Boulevard using the three samples taken on time is 83 $\mu\text{g/L}$. When the late sample is included, the average levels of TTHM at 25000 Joy Boulevard is 73 $\mu\text{g/L}$, which is below the standard.

It also is important to know that the 25000 Joy Boulevard water station is located adjacent to the Selfridge Air Force Base. Water from this station mainly serves Selfridge. The testing results for the other water stations did not exceed any MCLs.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.
- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

What does this mean?

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

People who drink water containing TTHMs 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?

Steps are being taken to correct this issue. The city of Mount Clemens will be working to flush more water through the system and will be sampling during upcoming monitoring periods to work on addressing our high levels.

For more information, please contact: vgeisler@mountclemens.gov

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.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Mount Clemens water system.

CERTIFICATION:

WSSN: 04510

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature:  Gregg S. Shipman

Title: Interim City Manager Date Distributed: 11/29/2022