

# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## Van Wert City Has Levels of TTHM above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM. The average level of TTHM over the last four quarters was 0.083 mg/L. The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L.

What should I do?

- You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

The levels detected do not pose an immediate risk to your health. 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 systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

We are investigating and taking the following necessary steps:

We have performed routine maintenance / cleaning of 4 basins & the Clearwell. We have lowered the pH & Chlorine levels, switched up our typical Clarification & Carbon feed processes and increased Carbon feed as well. And we have increased the % of water turned over in the Water Towers. Second Quarter analyses results were much lower than where we were. Third Quarter, traditionally our worst quarter due to high temperatures have lower results than last year, yet high enough to keep us out of compliance. This is a Locational Running Annual Average on samples pulled every three months.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

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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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