

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Lake Alpine Water Company Had Samples of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

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 did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 11 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during September. Three of our samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do additional testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in the samples, and subsequent testing indicated an absence of total coliform.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. 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.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What was done?

The samples that were positive for coliform bacteria were all within one tank zone that serves 38 homes. That zone was flushed to circulate fresher water and subsequent testing was negative for coliform bacteria.

For more information, please contact Kimi Johnson at 209-753-2409 or info@lakealpinewater.com

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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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