

**Important Information about your Drinking Water
Test Show Coliform Bacteria in Prairie du Sac Waterworks Water**

The samples listed below indicate the presence of coliform bacteria in your drinking water and are a violation of State and Federal Safe Drinking Water Regulations.

Multiple water samples collected on September 7, 2011 confirm the presence of coliform bacteria. The results of the tests on the two samples were reported to the Village on September 9, 2011.

What precautions should be taken at this time?

As a precaution we have increased the chlorine concentration in our water supply. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. As a precautionary measure, any ice cubes, beverages, baby formula, or other food items made with the water between August 17, 2011 and September 7, 2011, should be discarded and their containers or icemakers cleaned. If you have any questions, you can contact the Sauk County Public Health Office at (608) 355-3290. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria that 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.

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. **WE DID NOT FIND ANY FECAL COLIFORM OR E. COLI BACTERIA IN OUR SUBSEQUENT TESTING.**

What is being done to correct the problem?

Corrective action(s) taken: Within minutes of receiving the results of the tests on September 9, 2011, the Village began disinfecting the entire distribution piping by chlorinating the system. In addition, the Village immediately began flushing the distribution piping by opening fire hydrants at strategic locations within the Village. New samples were taken on September 9 and will be taken on September 12 and 13.

If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:

Patrick Drone, Public Works/Utilities Director or Richard Rothmann, Water System Operator
335 Galena Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578
(608) 643-4769

I certify that the information and statements contained in this public notice are true and correct and have been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements in Subchapter X of ch. NR 809, Wis. Adm. Code.



Signature

September 9, 2011

Date

**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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