

CITY OF DUNSMUIR

"Home of the Best Water on Earth"



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Appendix 2: PUBLIC NOTIFICATION TEMPLATE
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.

Violation of Monthly Coliform Bacteria Standards for the City of Dunsmuir Public Water System

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants including coliform bacteria on a monthly basis and exceeded the coliform bacteria standard for July 2017. In July 2017, one routine water samples and two repeat water samples tested positive for total coliform. The standard is that no more than one sample per month test positive for coliform bacteria. Although this regulatory violation does not constitute an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

Usually, coliform bacteria are a sign that there could be a problem with our source water or the distribution system (pipes and tanks). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we are required to do follow-up testing and check for the presence of other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli. **We did NOT find any fecal coliform or E.coli bacteria in any of the water samples taken from the City of Dunsmuir drinking water system.**

What should you do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

This is not an emergency. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that there may be leaks, openings, or pathways into the water system.*

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.

What Happened? What Was Done?

The origin of the coliform is not known at this time. After we were told of the results, we took follow-up samples and inspected the system. We believe that the problem may be due to old and possibly leaky water mains which we are planning to replace within the next 18 months.

The California Division of Drinking Water has issued a citation to the City of Dunsmuir for the violation mentioned above. The citation may be viewed at the following web address:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/EnforcementActionsSiskiyou.shtml

*Persons wishing more information should contact the City of Dunsmuir at **530-235-4822***

Please share this information with 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.