

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.

City of Dunsmuir Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard – April 2019

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 you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants including coliform bacteria. In **April 2019**, two coliform bacteria samples were total coliform-positive. The standard is that *no more than one sample per month can be total coliform-positive*.

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.*
- 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 fecal coliform bacteria or E. coli bacteria in your drinking water.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately. However, we are still finding coliforms in the drinking water.
- 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 U.S. 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 is being done?

The pipes used to collect City of Dunsmuir spring water are old and in poor condition. We are working to obtain funds to replace the entire spring collection system and to make other improvements which we hope will solve the coliform problem. Until the repairs are made, we expect that the springs will continue to produce low levels of coliform and we will continue to exceed the State monthly coliform standards. Here is a picture of the existing spring collection system:



For more information, please contact Dennis DellaBona at 530.235.4822.

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.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by the **City of Dunsmuir**.

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The *State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water* has issued a citation for the violation mentioned above. The citation may be viewed at the following web address:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/EnforcementActions/Siskiyou.shtml