

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**Colstrip City Of**  
**Public Water Supply MT0000180**  
**Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024**

**NOTICE OF STANDARD MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) VIOLATION**

Colstrip City Of Public Water System has violated drinking water standards. Although this is not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation occurring in our drinking water.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. The Stage-2 DBP Rule maximum level for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 80 µg/L. Test results show that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant levels for TTHM. The level of TTHM averaged at one of our system's locations for the monitoring period between July 1 through September 30, 2024, was 81 µg/L.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. Some people who drink water containing TTHM in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**What should I do?**

Customers should **not** boil their water and it is not necessary to use an alternate water source. However, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional.

**Steps We Are Taking:**

The City of Colstrip is installing a new water line from Highway 39 to Pinebutte. This new line will help circulate fresh water to Sweetgrass and Prairieview, where we are required to pull our samples. We will increase the flushing in the area.

**For more information, please contact:**

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or by phone at 406-748-2300.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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