

CITYWIDE NOTICE OF CHLORINATION

Beginning on *Monday, October 8*, the city will begin low-level chlorination throughout our entire water distribution system. A low concentration of chlorine will be injected throughout our system while we take time to research permanent disinfection options for the City of Hastings public water system. This level is safe for humans and animals to drink, cook, and bathe in as normal. We are actively working on exploring permanent solutions options and expect to report back to City Council by the end of the year with the findings of a feasibility study.

MN Dept. of Health (MDH) Recommendations

As a reminder, the MDH conducted a Level 2 Assessment of our system following an incident on September 22 where bacterial contamination was found to be in part of our distribution system. Results of that assessment were unable to pinpoint an exact source of bacteria.

Possible causes included a change in flow pattern due to seasonal changes in usage (eg. school back in session), a backflow event in the system caused by improper depressurization of an irrigation system (ie. lack of a backflow preventer), or from new water main construction. Based on their findings, the MDH strongly recommends that the City work to implement a permanent disinfection solution for our water supply system.

Questions?

For full incident details, reports, and answers to frequently asked questions, go to:

www.hastingsmn.gov/water

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