

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Tooley Water District water may have high levels of nitrate throughout the summer

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD
OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

Tooley Water District must introduce a new water source (the lower well) that had results of a water sample collected 10/16/20 showing nitrate levels of 18.6 milligrams per liter which is over the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 milligrams per liter. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

It has been determined that Tooley Water District's upper well does not have the capacity to keep up with demand during Summer high usage periods. Tooley Water District will be required to draw water from the lower well during this peak usage period.

What should I do? What does this mean?

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS. **Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.** Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.

Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.

DO NOT BOIL THE WATER. Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.

Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can). However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What is being done?

Please review Tooley Water District's website www.tooleywater.org for the latest updates.

Alternately you can call Hiland Water (Tooley Water District's operator) for general updates at 503-554-8333.

Tooley Water District is looking at options for long term solutions. Short term, Tooley Water District will take Nitrate samples from the lower well on a recurring basis in attempt to better understand how Nitrate levels vary at this well. Tooley Water District will update our website with the results. It should be noted that Tooley Water District usually does not receive results from these tests until up to 1 month after the test has been taken.

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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