Important Information About Your Drinking Water

AVISO Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The Central Water District has levels of Hexavalent Chromium above the Drinking Water Standard at one of our 3 wells.

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. The September 2026 water sample testing at one of the District's wells still shows Hexavalent Chromium **above the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 ppb.** The test result registered at 13 parts per billion (ppb). For perspective, one ppb is about one drop of water in an olympic-size (660,000-gallon) swimming pool.

Please note that Hexavalent Chromium is a naturally occurring element found in the earth's crust. In addition, the well registering above the standard was run once within the last Quarter and therefore required testing and subsequent notification. At the same time, we are actively working with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to address this exceedance and comply with the MCL within a compliance timeline.

DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING?



No, you do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Hexavalent Chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. If you have health issues, you may wish to consult your doctor concerning the consumption of this water.

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT IS BEING DONE?

- A new Hexavalent Chromium MCL of 10 ppb became effective October 1, 2024.
- Hexavalent Chromium was detected at levels that exceed the MCL. ***However, a water system of our size is not considered in violation of the Hexavalent Chromium MCL if operating under an approved Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plan***.
- We submitted a Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plan to the SWRCB in March 2026.
- We are working with the SWRCB to address this exceedance and comply with the MCL. Specifically, ***we are currently installing a replacement well that should be finished in 2026.*** We are also continuing to evaluate the Central Water District's water system to identify opportunities for improvement.
- For more information, please contact Ralph Bracamonte (831)688-2767 or visit www.centralwaterdistrict.us.com.

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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or by mail.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS

If you are a school or school system, the owner or operator of residential rental property, or the owner or operator of a business property, then you are legally required to notify the following people of the information in this notice within ten days of your receipt of this notice:

Schools: You must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).

Residential Rental Property Owners or Managers (including nursing homes and care facilities)**:** You must notify tenants.

Business Property Owners, Managers, or Operators: You must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

If you fail to notify the above people, you shall be civilly liable for up to $1,000 per day for each day that you fail to notify them. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 116450, subd. (g); 116650, subd. (e).)