

# Town of Philipsburg

March 25, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Contained within this mailing is a notification that the Town of Philipsburg has exceeded the level for disinfection byproducts in our water system. We are mandated by law to inform the public about these exceedances. An explanation by the Department of Environmental Quality is contained within this correspondence. As stated in this letter, this is NOT an emergency but a formal notification of the exceedances, wherein it is stated that it is NOT necessary for customers to boil their water. Please reference important information about your drinking water.

If you have any questions, please call 406-859-3821. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,



Mayor Daniel Reddish

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**Town of Philipsburg  
Public Water Supply MT0000304  
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) MCL**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024, and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023**

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

The Town of Philipsburg 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 Disinfection Byproducts Rule maximum contaminant level for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) is 60 µg/L. Test results show that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant levels for HAA5 for the following quarters:

Quarter	Dates of Quarter	LRAA ug/L
4QT 2023	October 1-December 31	67
1QT 2024	January 1-March 31	67
2QT 2024	April 1- June 30	67
4QT 2024	October 1- December 31	61
1QT 2025	January 1- March 31	62

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. HAA5 are five haloacetic acid compounds which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water. People who drink water containing HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years 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 Town has switched the disinfectant process related to chlorine from gas to liquid. This will also include the installation of new computerized chlorine analyzers which will deliver greater accuracy in terms of dosing. The Town has also increased the percentage of spring water and decreased the percentage of lake water used in the blending process of the water that is delivered to customers. The Town will continue to pursue all possibilities related to the grant application process for funding of design for potential filtration obligations.

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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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