

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

## **Health Advisory**

### **City of Havre – MT0000524**

#### **5/29/2024**

The Boil Water Advisory issued on April 19, 2024 is being downgraded to a Health Advisory. City personnel have increased free chlorine residuals throughout the distribution system and are continuing to flush the distribution system, ensuring fresh water throughout. Measures to ensure water treatment capabilities are being employed. Upgrades to data collection have been made with additional changes on going.

This **Health Advisory** is precautionary. In an effort to continue to protect public health, the Boil Water Advisory is now downgraded to this **Health Advisory**. Water system personnel are working diligently to complete the distribution system flushing, upgrading treatment operations and data collection.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### **What should I do? What does this mean?**

- Fecal coliform and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. *Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

#### **What is being done?**

- Increased disinfection of drinking water and flushing to reduce the likeliness of pathogens throughout the distribution system are measures being taken by the City of Havre public water supply.
- General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791 for those who wish to seek further information beyond this boil advisory notice.

*\*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.\**

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Havre. State Water System ID# MT0000524

For more info contact Trevor Mork, City of Havre Public Works, at 406-265-4941.

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