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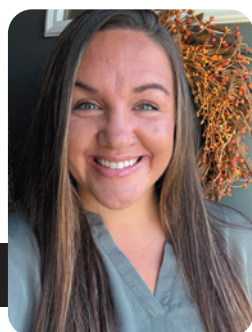


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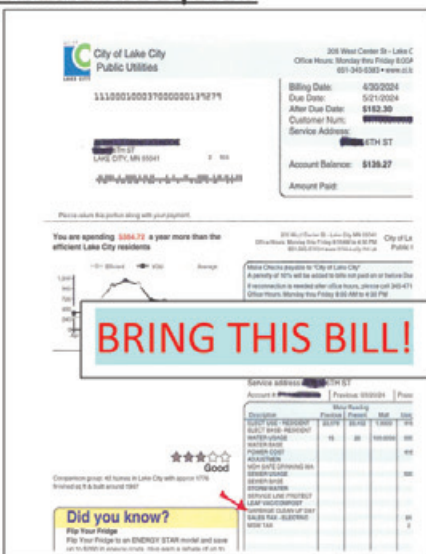


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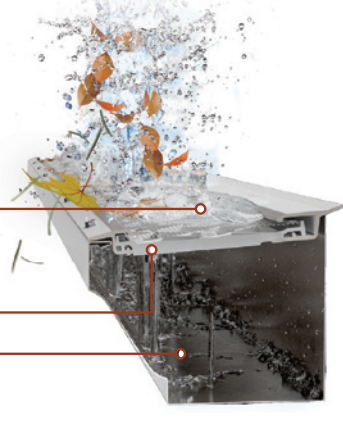
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Q and A with city public works director about boil water advisory

Lake City spent last week-end under a boil water advisory issued by Lake City Public Utilities after a test indicated the presence of E. coli in the city water supply. The advisory was canceled Monday.

To get a better understanding of the incident and the city's water system, *The Graphic* submitted a list a questions to Lake City Public Works Director Mitchell Rigelman.

The questions and Rigelman's responses are below.

What is the City's drinking water testing program? How often is testing done, what is tested for, and where are samples taken?

The City's routine drinking water sampling program consists of two sampling periods each month, for a total of six bacteriological samples. During each sampling period, Water Department staff collect three drinking water samples from three different locations within Lake City. Those locations are intended to provide representative samples from the northern portion of the system, a generally central location, and a downstream location in the southern portion of the City.

The samples are transported to a laboratory in Red Wing, where they are analyzed for the presence of bacteria, including total coliform and E. coli. In simple terms, these bacteriological results are essentially presence-or-absence results. If bacteria is detected, the sample is reported as positive and additional sampling is required to further investigate and confirm the result.

That is essentially how the recent event developed. Routine sampling began Monday, Sept. 21. Results from that sampling indicated the presence of bacteria, which triggered additional investigative sampling on Thursday, Sept. 24.

It is important to clarify that the earlier samples did not test positive for E. coli. The September 24 sample was the sample that subsequently tested positive for E. coli.

Because the earlier sampling showed bacterial presence but not E. coli, the immediate response at that stage was additional sampling in accordance with drinking water testing requirements. Once E. coli was detected in the September 24 sample, that changed the level of response and triggered

the City's immediate actions under Minnesota Department of Health guidance, including system disinfection and issuance of the Boil Water Advisory.

The sample was collected Thursday, Sept. 24, but the advisory was issued Friday, Sept. 25. Is that because of the time needed to obtain the laboratory result?

Yes. The sample was collected Thursday and submitted for laboratory analysis. We received notification of the positive E. coli result Friday evening. Once that result was received, Water Department staff and I immediately began responding, and the Boil Water Advisory was issued that evening.

What triggers a public advisory, and how is it disseminated?

In this case, detection of E. coli required a rapid public-health response. MDH guidance states that when E. coli is detected in a public water distribution system, the system must be disinfected and customers are directed to boil drinking and cooking water while the response and follow-up testing take place.

For this event, Lake City used its CodeRED emergency notification system, the City website, Facebook, and other communication channels to reach residents.

What did the city do to restore the water system?

Immediately after receiving the laboratory result Friday evening, Water Department staff began chlorinating and disinfecting the municipal distribution system. Chlorine is used as a disinfectant because it is effective at killing or inactivating bacteria and other microorganisms that may be present in drinking water.

Crews worked through the night Friday into Saturday and Sunday to introduce chlorine into the system and move disinfected water throughout the distribution network. As part of that process, hydrants were flushed at various locations to help move chlorinated water through the mains, draw treated water into different areas of the system, and help ensure the disinfectant reached the full distribution network.

Additional water samples were collected throughout the weekend and submitted for

laboratory analysis.

What needed to occur before the advisory could be lifted?

For this event, we needed two consecutive rounds of negative lab results. The first round came back negative for bacteria on Saturday, followed by a second negative round on Sunday. After receiving those results, the City was able to lift the Boil Water Advisory and notify residents that Lake City's drinking water was safe for normal use.

MDH guidance generally provides that after the system has been disinfected and follow-up testing no longer detects coliform bacteria, the boil-water advisory can be lifted.

Will the source of the contamination ever be known?

At this time, the specific source of the original positive sample has not been determined.

We do know the location where the September 24 sample was collected, which gives us a defined sampling location and area to review. However, a positive result at one sampling point does not by itself establish where or how the bacteria entered the sample or water system.

We will continue reviewing the circumstances surrounding that sample and any information that may help determine a cause. It is possible that a source may not ultimately be identified, so I do not want to speculate until we have facts to support a conclusion.

Regarding annual chlorination, was it scheduled later this year because of street projects involving the water system?

Our annual system chlorination had been scheduled to begin October 5, which is later than in previous years. That timing was tied to planned maintenance involving one of Lake City's water reservoirs.

The intent was to have the distribution system fully chlorinated during the reservoir maintenance period as an added precaution against potential contamination while

that work was underway. Aligning the chlorination schedule with the reservoir project was a deliberate operational decision intended to provide an additional level of protection for the water system during the maintenance activity.

The annual system-wide chlorination should be distinguished from water-main construction. For projects such as North Garden Street, newly installed water mains and services go through their own disinfection and bacteriological testing procedures before being placed into service. They are not simply installed and connected untreated.

At this time, we have not established any connection between the North Garden Street project and the September 24 positive sample.

Where does Lake City's drinking water come from?

Lake City's drinking water is groundwater supplied by four municipal wells. Those wells draw from the Quaternary Water Table aquifer. Water is pumped into the municipal water system and distributed through the City's network of water mains, storage and distribution infrastructure before ultimately reaching individual service lines and customers.

How much water does the City deliver annually, and approximately how many customers are served?

Based on our well production records, Lake City pumps and distributes approximately 300 million gallons of drinking water each year.

That water serves approximately 3,000 utility accounts throughout the community.

Is there anything else you'd like people to know?

The biggest thing I would emphasize is how quickly staff responded once we received the laboratory result. Water Department and Public Works staff mobilized Friday evening, worked overnight to disinfect the system, continued sampling throughout the weekend, and coordinated the response with the Minnesota Department of Health and other City departments.

We also opened our Emergency Operations Center for public questions and made contingency preparations for bottled-water distribution in the event the advisory needed to continue. Fortunately, the follow-up samples were negative, and we were able to lift the advisory.

Events like this understandably create concern and raise a lot of questions. We recognize the inconvenience and uncertainty that a Boil Water Advisory can place on households, businesses, schools, health care facilities, and the community as a whole.

Throughout the event, our goal was to respond promptly, follow established procedures, coordinate with the Minnesota Department of Health, and provide the public with the most accurate information available as the situation developed. We also made contingency plans so additional drinking-water resources could be made available if the advisory had continued longer than anticipated.

An event like this also reinforces how important reliable emergency communication is. The City relies heavily on CodeRED to quickly communicate urgent information directly to residents by phone, text, and other available notification methods.

If you experienced a delay in receiving a notification, did not receive one at all, or know someone who may not be registered, we strongly encourage you to sign up for CodeRED and share that information with family, friends, neighbors, and businesses in the community. The effectiveness of an emergency notification system depends on having current contact information for as many residents as possible. Residents interested registering for this service can do so by navigating to the City's website under Departments | Emergency Management.

We appreciate the patience, cooperation, and understanding shown by the community throughout this event. We also want to thank the Water Department, Public Works staff, City departments, emergency personnel, laboratory staff, and others who worked through the weekend to respond, communicate, and verify that Lake City's drinking water was safe.

Protecting the safety and reliability of our drinking water system remains one of our highest responsibilities, and we will continue reviewing this event and looking for opportunities to strengthen our response and communication procedures moving forward.

Public Notice

To ensure a safe drinking water supply, Lake City Utilities have added chlorine to the City's water system ahead of schedule. The chlorine should clear by the end of October 2026.

The addition of chlorine to disinfect water can react with iron and/or manganese, creating a black or reddish discoloration, but does not cause a health concern. Citizens can let the water run a few minutes to flush faucets of discolored water before using for cooking or laundry. Use of chlorine can cause problems in fish tanks and commercial operations such as bait shops. It is recommended that these uses find an alternate source of water during this period or use commercially available chemicals that neutralize chlorine. Presence of chlorine will remain a few days following the treatment period.

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City Boards and Commissions - The Lake City City Council is seeking volunteers to serve on various city boards and commissions.

Applicants must be residents of Lake City and have a desire to serve their community in a volunteer capacity. People who are interested in participating must fill out a one page application they can pick up at City Hall.

Elder Network - Elder Network is a non-profit organization that has been serving seniors for 30 years. Their mission is to help individuals impacted by the limiting effects of aging to have an optimal quality of life. Elder Network supports seniors with visiting volunteers, respite care, companion care (which means any light duty housekeeping, meal prep, errands, grocery shopping, etc.) that can make it possible to keep their independence. Note: We do not do any personal cares or medical services. We offer caregiver support and workshops, as well as other workshops for relevant senior topics. If you enjoy working with seniors and could donate a few hours a week, we'd love to talk to you. Give us a call or email us 651-564-0351 bonnies@elder-network.org.

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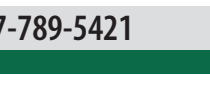
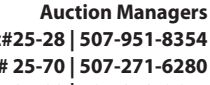
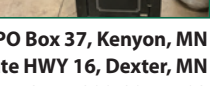
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