

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Town of Lochbuie

Failure to Test Backflow Prevention Devices



Please read this message regarding your Lochbuie address(s).

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The state drinking water program requires that all public drinking water systems test a percentage of the backflow prevention devices annually. We received a violation because our water system did not test the required percentage.

NOTE: This advisory is NOT related to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that the "Virus that causes COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water." For additional information on COVID-19 and drinking water, you can refer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

What does this mean? What should I do?

Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to a back pressure or siphonage event that may allow contaminants or disease-causing organisms to enter the drinking water, which can cause diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.

What is being done?

Violation is for incomplete Backflow Assembly Testing Compliance Ratio for years 2018 and 2020. **Violation has been corrected for 2021.**

We anticipate resolving the problem by **January 15, 2022. The Town is revising the protocol for tracking the testing and reporting of all of the backflow devices and methods on an annual basis so that this does not occur in the future.** For more information, please contact **Wayne Ramey** at **wayner@recinc.net** or **303-921-0129**.

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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