

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER TESTS SHOWED PRESENCE OF COLIFORM BACTERIA

On September 11, 2019, Garden City's water system operator conducted routine Total Coliform (T. coli) and Escherichia Coliform (E. coli) sampling in locations throughout the City in conformance with the Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule and Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) Rules for Safe Drinking Water. A total of six (6) samples were taken on September 11, 2019 from locations within the entire City including south of Interstate 16.

The laboratory results from the September 11, 2019 event indicated that the sample taken from an outdoor spigot at a residence on the northeast side of Garden City was found to have positive results for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria. The water system operator collected a confirmation sample at the same residence on September 13, 2019 in an effort to ascertain the absence or presence of bacteria (T. coli and/or E. coli) at this location. Laboratory results from the confirmation sample collected on September 13, 2019 indicated that the water sample tested negative for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria. The September 13, 2019 result indicating that the water sample tested negative for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria was subsequently reported to the GA EPD along with the September 11, 2019 results. The water system operator also reported additional Total Coliform and E. coli laboratory data from samples collected at four (4) other locations on September 11, 2019 within the same general area of Garden City; all of which tested negative for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria. On September 23, 2019, the water system operator was contacted via telephone by the GA EPD and directed to undertake specific actions regarding additional water sample collection and laboratory testing in connection with the September 11th and September 13th sampling events.

On September 23, 2019, the water system operator took repeat samples in conformance with the Revised Total Coliform Rule. Repeat samples were collected including sampling the outdoor spigot at the same residence as well as an upstream sample and a downstream sample in the water system along the same street. In addition, samples were taken at water supply well sites located at Well #1 on Rommel Avenue, Well #3 on GA Hwy 21, and Well #5 on GA Hwy 80 as required by the Revised Total Coliform Rule. The results from the September 23, 2019 were consistent with the September 13, 2019 results which indicated that Total Coliform and E. coli were not present at the original residence sampling location, or any of the repeat sample locations, or the City's water supply well sites. This situation is therefore now resolved.

Based on the confirmation sampling results from September 13, 2019 and the subsequent repeat sampling results from September 23, 2019, there are no confirmed health concerns related to Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria for the northeastern areas of Garden City or the water supply well systems tested. This notification is provided solely for informational purposes and does not require Garden City to notify water customers of the need to boil water or use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. If, however, you have specific health concerns you should consult your doctor.

Should you have any further questions you may contact the City at 100 Central Avenue, Garden City, Georgia 31405, or by calling the Garden City Public Information staff, Jackie Jackson, at (912) 963-2768.

The City has posted and shared this information via numerous methods and outlets. However, we ask that you 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, nursing homes, schools, and businesses).

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