

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este aviso contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable, por favor lea el aviso en español si va aquí incluido. Si el aviso en español no va incluido aquí, contacte al sistema de agua para pedir una copia.

Heritage Ranch Community Services District water has levels of haloacetic acids above drinking water standards.

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. This is **not** an emergency. As our customers you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on July 27, 2022 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for haloacetic acids, a disinfection process byproduct. The MCL standard for haloacetic acids is 60 parts per billion and is based on a running annual average. The running annual average for haloacetic acids over the last year was 85 parts per billion.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.**
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids more than the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What can you do at home?

[Reverse osmosis](#) filters have been shown to reduce HAA5 but are expensive.

[Activated carbon](#) filters such as Brita and PUR filters can also reduce HAA5 levels. There are different types from simple pitchers to under sink models and are very affordable.

(Consumers should verify which products are NSF/ANSI 42 and/or 53 certified to remove HAA5.)

What happened? What was done?

As previously mentioned, this is not an immediate health risk. Organic levels in Nacimiento Reservoir and Nacimiento River have substantially increased over time exacerbated by drought (low reservoir levels), climate, and long-term effects of the Chimney Fire resulting in higher levels of haloacetic acids created from the treatment process, specifically the use of chlorine for required disinfection.

We are actively pursuing all available options to lower the organics and the haloacetic acid MCL's within the system including but not limited to: implementing a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) upgrade project; implementing a granular activated carbon project pilot study; adjusting the water treatment and distribution system processes; renovating the Water Treatment Plant filters, testing a new chemical(s) to improve removal of organics; maintaining a robust waterline flushing program, and have recently completed construction of a raw water vertical intake facility.

For more information, please contact the office at 805-227-6230, or via email at contact.us@heritageranchcsd.ca.gov, or by mail at 4870 Heritage Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

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.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by the Heritage Ranch Community Services District water system.