

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Microcystin is present in Greenfield Municipal Utilities water system
DO NOT DRINK THE WATER

Microcystin, a compound produced by blue-green algae, has been potentially detected in the treated drinking water from Greenfield Municipal Utilities water system. A sample collected on 7/17/2018 is being sent to the lab to see if it shows microcystin.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER. Alternative water should be used for drinking, making infant formula, making ice, brushing teeth, and preparing food.**
- Healthy adults may use the water for bathing, washing hands, and doing laundry. The water may be used for flushing toilets.
- Bottle fed infants and children younger than age 6 must be supervised while bathing to prevent accidental ingestion of water. Providing a final rinse of skin with uncontaminated water is recommended for people with open wounds or skin conditions such as eczema.
- **Do not boil the water.** Boiling the water will not destroy microcystin and it may become more concentrated as a result of boiling.
- Consuming water containing microcystin may result in abnormal liver function, diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, numbness or dizziness. Seek medical attention if you are experiencing any of these symptoms.
- Pets should not drink the water. Contact a veterinarian immediately if pets or livestock show signs of illness.

Lake Greenfield, which is a source of drinking water for the Greenfield Municipal Utilities is experiencing a harmful algal bloom (HAB).

GMU water system is making adjustments to its treatment processes to help reduce potential microcystin levels. We are working closely with local and state public health and emergency response agencies to address and resolve the situation. We will keep you informed as the situation is resolved.

For more information, please contact our office at 641-743-2741. Additional information about harmful algal blooms can be found at www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/cyanohabs.

Please share this information with anyone who drinks 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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