

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### DRINKING WATER WARNING

Gold Mountain CSD water is contaminated with E. Coli

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**BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

E. coli bacteria were found in the water supply on July 31, 2024. These bacteria can make you sick and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. Please note that the water system is chlorinated to disinfect the water system. We have sampled from 9 different sites and 3 of 9 samples have come back with a positive test for bacteria. All Wells were tested as well, and those 4 samples have come back absent for bacteria.

The Gold Mtn CSD will be doing a complete sterilization of the water system. This may take up to a week. The Gold Mountain CSD will test the water every 48 hrs. and notify you as we receive test results.

#### What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING OR DISINFECTING IT FIRST.** Boiled, purified, or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice.**
  - Bring all water to a rolling boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water.
  - An alternative method of purification for users that do not have gas or electricity available is to use fresh liquid household bleach (*Chlorox, Purex, etc.*). Add 8 drops (1/4 teaspoon) of bleach to each gallon of clear water or 18 drops (1/2 teaspoon) to each gallon of cloudy water. Mix the water thoroughly and allow standing for 30 minutes before using. A chlorine-like taste and odor will result from this purification and is an indication that adequate disinfection has taken place.
  - Another alternative method of purification is to use water purification tablets according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- *E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal waste. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.*
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

#### What happened? What is being done?

We suspect the bacterial contamination occurred during the Gold Complex Wildfire which caused the water system to be drawn down creating low pressure in the system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. Please note that the water system will be chlorinated to disinfect the water system. If you have any aquaculture systems i.e. ponds or fish tanks, chlorine will affect their health. It is advised not to add chlorinated water to these systems. If you have any aquaculture systems i.e. ponds or fish tanks, chlorine will affect their health. It is advised not to add chlorinated water to these systems.

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