

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## The Borough of Lincoln Park Water Department has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated the drinking water standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM from April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The standard for TTHM is 80 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months (a locational running annual average (LRAA)). The LRAA level(s) of TTHM at two (1) of four (4) sampling locations exceeded the standard:

Site	LRAA ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )
Sample Point ID - 04	82.8

For more details see NJ Drinking Water Watch at: [https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP\\_WaterWatch\\_public/index.jsp](https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP_WaterWatch_public/index.jsp) and enter the New Jersey public water system identification number (PWSID) at the bottom of this notice.

### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

### What does this mean?

- This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified with 24 hours. TTHM's are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in water. This is commonly known as a disinfection by-product (DBP).
- People who drink water containing Trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### What is being done?

Lincoln Park Water Department is taking measures to address the TTHM MCL Exceedance. Updates will continue to be provided on our website every three months at <http://lincolnpark.org/205/Water-Sewer>

Because of the high values during the past year, we may continue to have higher averages until the levels are reduced through actions being taken. We anticipate resolving the problem within six months. We are working to minimize the formation of TTHM through increased monitoring of the source water from Passaic Valley and more frequent flushing of the water system.

We will evaluate source water, treatment, storage and distribution lines of the water system, take additional steps to change disinfectant type/levels, remove natural organic matter, increase flushing of water lines, and determine if our efforts have been effective. If you have any questions or would like to continue receiving a direct mailing of the Public Notice every three months, please contact the Water Department at (973) 270-2055.

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. PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR TENANTS.

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