

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Bailey Mutual Water Company system disinfection notice

Corrective disinfection with chlorine Tuesday, March 17 or Wednesday, March 18, 2026

We do not routinely add chlorine or other disinfectants to our water system. For the last two years (in 2024 and 2025) we have done an annual system-wide disinfection in summer. **Monthly samples, taken from 4 locations around our water system, show that our water has stayed clean and free of coliform bacteria on this program.** However, with a warmer winter, **our samples from March 11, 2026, and follow-up confirmation samples on March 13 showed the presence of some coliform bacteria** at multiple sites (no E. Coli.) **The state allows NO coliform bacteria in drinking water, so our certified operator is required to conduct a system-wide disinfection with chlorine** in both of the active storage tanks (the steel tank next to Bailey Meadow Road, and the “transfer tank” next to the well on Cold Springs Trail.) The chlorinated water will flow through the system, disinfecting the lines as it goes over the following week or two.

What should I do? You do not need to boil your water or take other actions. **You may notice some odor of chlorine in the days following the disinfection.** The amount of chlorine used is the lowest effective level for disinfection. **The water remains safe to drink.**

We will always notify the community before a system disinfection. Because this is a corrective disinfection, we were not able to provide as much advance notice as for planned, preventive disinfections.

What about the leaking concrete tank?: Note that the leaking concrete tank next to the steel tank has been shut off from the distribution system since November 2024. **Water from that tank is not being distributed.** The tank will be replaced.

For more information, please contact BMWCo Secretary, [Laurie Gerber, 619-200-8344](mailto:Laurie.Gerber@bmwco.org) or secretary@bmwco.org. Also see the BMWCo Website: www.bmwco.org or <https://bmwco.myruralwater.com>

Please share this information with other people who drink this water and may not have received this notice directly (for example, other people living in shared housing or rental lodgings). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by [Bailey Mutual Water Company](#).

State Water System Number: [#CA3700926](#).

Date distributed: [Email announcement, March 16, 2026; Distribution to cabins, March 17 and 18, 2026](#)