

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Village of Ashkum

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for copper. The tests show copper levels in the water above the limit, or action level, so we are required to install corrosion control treatment. This treatment helps prevent copper in the pipes from dissolving into the water. Corrosion control should have been submitted after a Action Level Exceedance but wasn't sent.

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to copper:

- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for copper.
- Find out whether your pipes contain copper or copper solder.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing copper from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; copper dissolves more easily into hot water.
- **Do not boil your water to remove copper.** Excessive boiling water makes the copper more concentrated the copper remains when the water evaporates.

What happened? What is being done?

The Village of Ashkum did not issue the Corrosion Control Treatment Recommendation on time.

The Corrosion Control Treatment Recommendation is being submitted on August 12th, 2026.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Corrosion control will be submitted by August 12, 2026.

For more information, please contact Derek Miller at 815 370-4414 or derekmiller2120@gmail.com

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.

This notice is being sent to you by the Village of Ashkum.

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