



DRINKING WATER WARNING

Pinewood Spring WD has
High Levels of Manganese

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

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

Use Bottled Water. Utilice Agua Embotellada.

Recent sample results collected on January 6, 2025 indicate manganese levels up to 0.85 mg/L. This level is above the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) short term health advisory level of 0.3 mg/L for infants 6 months old and younger and above the lifetime health advisory level of 0.3 mg/L for adults.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- **DO NOT GIVE TAP WATER TO INFANTS.** Formula and other food preparations for infants 6 months old and younger should not be prepared with tap water. Use bottled water or alternative sources of water for infants 6 months old and younger. Making formula or foods with water containing manganese levels above the health advisory can increase an infant's risk of health problems.
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the manganese level. Excessive boiling can make the manganese more concentrated because manganese remains behind when the water evaporates.
- Manganese is a naturally occurring element found in soil, water, and air. It is commonly found in the food we eat and in drinking water. Our bodies require small amounts of manganese to stay healthy. Adults and children get enough manganese from the foods we eat. Infants and children get enough manganese from breast milk, food, or formula.
- Too much manganese can increase the risk of health problems, particularly for infants 6 months old and younger. Infants 6 months old and younger are more at risk than older children and adults because their brains and bodies are quickly developing. Infants 6 months old and younger with continuous (one day or more) exposure to manganese over 0.3 mg/L may experience learning or behavioral problems.
- Manganese is not well-absorbed through the skin, so it is OK to bathe or shower in water containing manganese. Water having elevated levels of manganese may be safely used to wash dishes, tables, and utensils.
- Older adults drinking water with high levels of manganese for many years could experience impacts to their nervous system. EPA established a lifetime health advisory level of 0.3 mg/L, which means adverse health effects are not expected with long-term exposure below this level.

- If you have specific health concerns, you may contact your doctor for consultation.
- Manganese is not currently regulated in drinking water nationally although some states have set their own standards. This health advisory is being provided because EPA identified health risks from short-term exposure. More information can be found in the EPA's Drinking Water Health Advisory for Manganese (<https://www.epa.gov/ccl/regulatory-determination-1-support-documents-manganese>).

What is being done?

- PSWD stopped taking water with elevated manganese from the reservoir on January 10th and are re-sampling the distribution system to confirm that the manganese has returned to an acceptable level. We expect these sample results back on 01/06/2025.
- We are working with an engineering firm and an operations company to investigate manganese treatment methods and costs in case we need to use the reservoir water again in the future

We anticipate resolving the problem as soon as possible. For more information, please contact Gabi Benson at pswadmin@att.net or 303-823-5345 or 183 Cre Ct., Lyons, CO 80540.

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.

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