

# Town of Proctor

## Water Department

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**  
**Proctor Water Department**  
**Levels of TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) Above Drinking Water Standards**

The Town of Proctor's water system recently exceeded drinking water standards. Although 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 monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results were sampled for the last four quarters, ending with the Third Quarter of 2012. Results show our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5). The standard for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) is 0.060 MG/L. The running annual average \*(last 4 quarters) result was 0.104 MG/L for TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5).

**What should I do?**

You may choose to utilize carbon filtration (pitcher style or faucet mounted) which is known to reduce disinfection byproducts. If you have specific health concerns, consult with your doctor.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an immediate risk.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. In animal studies, some haloacetic acids have been associated with reproductive or developmental effects. Additionally, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. In animal studies, some total trihalomethanes have been associated with reproductive or developmental effects.

**What is being done?**

Our Water System is undertaking steps to transition from a public drinking water system served by surface water to a system served by groundwater. This will involve significant capital improvements to the water system. We are working closely with the State Water Supply Division to finalize these plans.

For more information, please contact Todd Blow, the Water Department Chief Operator, at 459-2501 or 45 Main Street, Proctor, VT 05765.

*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 business). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

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