



**Anne Arundel County
Department of Public
Works**

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Baltimore Issues Non-Emergency Public Water Supply Notice

The City of Baltimore Department of Public Works (DPW) issued an Environmental Protection Agency-required public notice to all citizens served by their water supply regarding the City's need to comply with requirements to cover and/or treat its 5 open finished water reservoirs to provide additional protection against organisms which can cause gastrointestinal illnesses. Many residents in northern Anne Arundel County are served by City of Baltimore water.

This public notice is not an emergency, nor does it require customers to do anything differently from what they normally do with their drinking water.

***Alfred Foxx
DPW Director
City of Baltimore***

So, why the Public Notice?

Part of the City's drinking water distribution system includes 5 open finished water reservoirs. The water from these facilities receives additional chlorine disinfection before distribution.

In 2006, EPA ruled one of the following must occur by April 1, 2009: covering the open finished water storage reservoirs; treating the fished water for certain disease-causing organisms; or complying with a State-approved schedule to meet the covering or treating requirements. The City submitted a proposed schedule to the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) for

approval. It was formally approved by MDE on April 1, 2009.

The schedule detailed plans to cover or treat the open storage areas by December 31, 2018. It called for replacing 3 of the open reservoirs with enclosed tanks and treating the 2 remaining reservoirs. However, on July 20, 2009 EPA issued a Notice of Violation contending the State-approved schedule was not an enforceable agreement because MDE did not have authority in the matter. Due to this decision, the City must issue a notice to the public about this compliance violation.

City of Baltimore Reports Shows No Cause for Alarm

The City's Annual Water Quality Report shows testing for the presence of microbiological contaminants in the raw water were at levels that were either not detectable or were detected in less than 1% of the samples, well below the 5% threshold set by the EPA.



**Anne Arundel County Executive
John R. Leopold**



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Cryptosporidium is a single-cell parasite that can be found in surface water supplies such as the City's reservoirs and can cause gastrointestinal illness. The Annual Water Quality report that separates testing results for the untreated waters of Liberty and Loch Raven reservoirs also shows no detection of the presence of cryptosporidium, and test results of the Susquehanna River water showed minimal presence of the organism.

Once again, the City of Baltimore public notice is not an emergency, nor does it require customers to do anything differently from what they normally do with their drinking water.

For more information about this notice, you may contact the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works at 410-396-3500, or write to:

Mr. Alfred H. Foxx,
Acting Director, Department of Public Works
600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building
200 Holliday Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

A letter from Mr. Foxx and the public notice have been posted to the County website and can be found at http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Resources/DrinkingWater_20100810.pdf.

DPW Responds to Downed Trees

The Department of Public Works (DPW) provides service to citizens following unusual weather events. In the aftermath of rainstorms, floods, hurricanes, wind and ice storms—debris can sometimes block public roadways and accumulate on private properties. As DPW receives calls from residents, crews are immediately dispatched to clear blocked roadways.

Our first priority is safety. Supervisors assess the area affected and develop a plan of action. After the appropriate authorities have determined that the area is safe for our workers, crews will begin clearing public roadways. For example, crews cannot clear a roadway until Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) addresses downed power lines. Downed wires should be reported to BGE at 1-800-685-0123.



Know the law!

Downed tree debris from private property shall be removed and properly disposed of by the property owner. DPW does not clear private property yard waste dumped on a County right-of-way.

It is illegal to dump yard waste or any other debris from private property onto a County right-of-way!

Homeowners should appropriately prepare their yard waste in accordance with Waste Management Services procedure suitable for curbside pickup on their yard waste recycling collection day. You can find these guidelines at <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement/curbside.cfm>. Homeowners may also take yard waste to one of the County's three landfill convenience centers. Residents hauling debris in most private vehicles will not be charged for disposal.

Trees blocking County-maintained roadways (roads without route numbers) should be called in to the appropriate road district (**see box above**) during normal working hours, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Needed Numbers

Downed Wires

800-685-0123 (BGE)

Downed Trees

410-222-6120 (Northern)

410-222-7940 (Central)

410-222-1933 (Southern)

After Hours Emergencies

410-222-6120