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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Important Information About Your Drinking Water Tests show levels of Total Trihalomethanes above drinking water standards

Stewart public water system routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Previous testing results show that the average level of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) was above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 80 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). An MCL violation was issued for this system on April 11, 2025. Recent testing results show that the average level of TTHM was 90.9  $\mu\text{g/L}$ .

TTHMs are formed when naturally occurring organic matter combines with disinfectants added to kill microorganisms. They are by-products of drinking water disinfection. Some people who drink water containing TTHMs in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**This is not an emergency.** You do not need an alternative source of water, such as bottled water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. The use of carbon filters is not recommended for removal of TTHMs, as they may accumulate in the filter over time.

The City of Stewart has a plan submitted to MDH to fix this problem. We are still waiting their approval. You will be informed when the public water supply has reduced the levels and meets the standards.

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