

# **Crystal Falls Township Dept. of Public Works**

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The City of Crystal Falls had positive test samples for coliforms this past fall when they put their new elevated water storage tank in service. Positive meaning that coliforms or bacteria were present. Sampling was also done at the City valve vault on Zavada Drive where the Township delivers or the connection is to supply water to the City. This point proved to be negative (no coliforms/bacteria) along with other samples throughout the Township.

Various other samples were taken by the City from the transmission main that feeds the City tank and they also proved to be negative. The problem was the new City tank therefore they needed to chlorinate. To properly do so, the City had to chlorinate at the valve vault on Zavada Drive. However, this type of problem has been common in the City water system for many years due to the chemistry of the water in there well fields. The water formed a crust inside of the pipes that causes positive coliform samples. The City is working diligently to replace water mains throughout their system with state and federal funding but in the meantime they will need to chlorinate.

For Township residents, the water that you drink at your home is not chlorinated nor is anyone else in the Township that is getting there water source from the Lind water system except for our East M-69, Carpenter Road, West Harrison Tobin Street., Jacob's Funeral home area customers which is supplied from the City. The Lind system has never, ever been chlorinated nor have we ever had a contaminated sample in my 35 year tenure with the water dept.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions about this matter or any other issues involving the water and sewer systems and I'll do my best to inform and cooperate with you.

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