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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
HAAS VIOLATION AT *The Washington Water System*
Received by the City of Washington Ga. from Georgia EPD: 12/22/2025

Our community water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have the 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. We have been notified by the State that our water system exceeded the maximum contaminant level s (MCL) for the following:

Violation ID	Compliance Period	Site #	Analyte	Concentration	MCL
2026-21345	3Q2025 - 07/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	501	HAAS	0.066 mg/L	0.060 mg/L
2026-21346	3Q2025 - 07/01/2025 - 09/30/2025	502	HAAS	0.067 mg/L	0.060 mg/L

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. Residents should not be alarmed and do not need to seek alternative water supplies. The supplier is taking corrective actions to ensure that adequate monitoring and reporting will be maintained.

What does this mean?

**Some people who drink water containing Haloacetic Acids in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.* * If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

How did this happen *?*

During the 4th qtr of 2024 the city experienced higher than normal organic loading at one of our water treatment plants. Organics react with the disinfectants we use in water treatment and that reaction forms disinfectant Byproducts (HAA5 and TTHM) out in the distribution system causing the city to exceed the LRAA MCL for HAA5 (0.060mg/l) This a Locational Annual Running Average and we sample at 2 sites 4 times a year.

What is the City doing to correct this issue?

The City created , submitted and implemented an action plan to resolve this issue . This is ongoing and will take some time to get back in compliance because we only sample 4 times a year because this is a very low MCL

The City is happy to report that the 4th QTR 2025 sample results taken in December 2025 have returned back into compliance per Georgia EPD.

For more information, please contact the City of Washington at (706) 678-3277 or P.O. box 9 Washington Ga. 30673

***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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