

# TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA IN Town of Carolina Beach WATER

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took [10] samples for coliform bacteria during November]. 2 of those samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 may do so.

### What should I do?

- You **do not** need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. Subsequent samples indicate that the coliform bacteria is no longer present in the water system.
- 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 water that contained total coliform bacteria. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800- 426-4791.

### What does this mean?

This was not an emergency as total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves.

***Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.***

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing. If we had, we would have notified you immediately.

### What was done? [Check actions taken below and describe any other corrective actions.]

- Disinfect source     
  Disinfect lines     
  Flush distribution lines     
  Performed additional sampling  
 Investigation of source of contamination     
  Repair well head     
  Repair line break(s) and/or storage tank  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Status Update:

Resolved - Our samples collected on 11/6/2015 show that no bacteria are present.

***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.***

For more information, please contact:

Responsible Person: Aaron Thompson	System Name: Town Of Carolina Beach	System Address (Street) 1121 N. Lake Park Blvd.
Phone Number: 910-465-0377	System PWSID# 04-65-015	System Address (City, State, Zip) Carolina Beach NC, 28429

Violation Awareness Date: 11/5/2015

Date Notice Distributed: 11/13/2015

Method of Distribution: Mailed

### Public Notification Certification

The public water system named above hereby affirms that public notification has been provided to its consumer in accordance with all delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements specified in 15A NCAC 18C .1523.

Owner/Operator: Aaron Thompson  
(Signature)

Aaron Thompson  
Print Name

11/13/2015  
Date

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CAROLINA BEACH CITIZENS**

## **HOUSEHOLD DEBRIS PICK UP CHANGES**

The Town of Carolina Beach offers household debris to be removed at a charge of \$25.00 per item. Household debris will be picked up on Mondays of your designated zone for yard waste removal. The map and schedule was mailed out with the

October bill and can also be found on our website, [www.carolinabeach.org](http://www.carolinabeach.org), under the Refuse and Recycling section.

Items will need to be called into the Town of Carolina Beach at 910-458-2983 or 910-458-4821 for a work order to be placed. Please have the household debris out at the curb the Sunday night before Monday pick up. The town often uses a backhoe to pick up large piles. Care should be taken not to place debris over meter boxes, cable boxes, phone boxes, manholes, etc. Please visit the website for more information on what can and cannot be picked up.

**\*\*Yard debris that is placed in plastic bags will be considered household debris and will have the \$25.00 fee as well.\*\***

## **FREEMAN PARK 2016 PASSES**

The 2016 Freeman Park annual permits will go on sale beginning December 1, 2015. The cost of the annual permit is \$150.00. For a discounted/early bird rate of \$75.00, permits must be purchased in person at Town Hall, Island Tackle, or the Parking Office between December 1, 2015 and December 15, 2015.

## **VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION DECALS AND PARKING DECALS**

Permanent residents of the Town are required to purchase and display a Town of Carolina Beach Vehicle Identification Decal (VID) on their automobile. The VID is a tax and is issued for a one-year period. The VID also assists in identifying residents of the town during times of natural disaster and other emergencies. The VID will either be North, South, East or West depending on your property's location on the island.

With the purchase of the VID, permanent residents and property owners receive a parking decal at no additional cost.

The parking decal allows parking in the Town of Carolina Beach municipal lots without paying the meters.

The cost of the VID is \$5.00 if purchased January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost goes to \$15.00 on/after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Decals can be purchased at Town Hall. Please bring a valid vehicle registration along with proof of residency, (lease, deed/HUD or tax bill). VID's may be purchased by mail with proper documentation, a check for the decals and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Town of Carolina Beach, 1121 N Lake Park Blvd, Carolina Beach NC 28428.

## **GOLF CART PERMITS**

A golf cart permit authorizes the operation of a golf cart on roads posted 35 miles per hour or less. The permit must be attached to the front, left side of the golf cart. No golf cart shall be driven without a permit.

The annual fee for the golf cart is \$10.00 for Carolina Beach residents and \$50.00 for nonresidents.

(If the golf cart is registered with the state and has a license plate, it will be given a VID)

Please bring your liability insurance policy number with you to obtain the golf cart permit. The permits will be available December 1, 2015.

## **Town Hall will be closed the following dates:**

Friday, December 11, 2015 at 11:45am for the annual employee Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 23, 2014; Thursday, December 24, 2015; and Friday, December 25, 2015 for the Christmas Holiday

Friday, January 1, 2016 for the New Year's Holiday

Monday, January 18, 2016 for the Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday