IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Hilmar County Water District water has detected high levels of nitrate.
DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD OR PREGNANT WOMEN OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

The following water sample results were received between September 25, 2026 and October 26, 2026:

Well #6: Levels between 0.7 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and 0.8 mg/L.
Well #7: Levels between 21.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and 22.0 mg/L.
Well #8: Levels between 0.7 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and 0.7 mg/L.

Wells 6, 7 and 8 are blended prior to being served to the customers of the Hilmar County Water District water system. Water sample results from our blended sample point for the same dates mentioned:

Blend Sample Point (near TID Yard): Levels between 0.3 mg/L and 0.7 mg/L.

Please check our website, www.hilmarcwd.org, for the most up-to-date information.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL may quickly become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die because high nitrate levels can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin*. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.

- **PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT CONSUME THE WATER.** *High nitrate levels may also affect the oxygen-carrying ability of the blood of pregnant women.*

- Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.

- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.

- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

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What happened? What is being done?

Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems, storm water run-off, and fertilizers). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year and even sometimes, day to day as Hilmar County Water District has observed.

October Update:

Nitrate Sampling Reports

Date of Sample	Well 6 (mg/L)	Well 7 (mg/L)	Well 8 (mg/L)	Blend Point (mg/L)
09/29/2026	0.8	**21**	0.7	0.7
10/06/2026	0.7	**22**	0.7	0.7
10/13/2026	Down for Maint.	**21**	0.7	0.3
10/20/2026	Down for Maint.	**21**	0.7	0.3

Cells in **bold indicate a result over the 10 mg/L MCL.*

All water delivered beyond our blended sample point measures 1 mg/L or less — well under the 10 mg/L regulatory limit and effectively nitrate-free. Although a nitrate issue persists at Woody Well 7, the volume of water drawn from that well is minimal.

Hilmar County Water District (HCWD) is confident there is no current nitrate risk in the distribution system, and customers may use the water normally.

Please continue checking our website, www.hilmarcwd.org, for the most up-to-date information.

For more information, please contact Curtis Jorritsma, General Manager at 209-632-3522 or P.O. Box 1060, Hilmar, CA 95324. Additional contact information: State Water Resources Control Board, Merced District Engineer, (559) 447-3316.

Copies of this notice are being distributed via mail with our monthly billing statements and posted to our website. Please share this information with anyone who may not have received this notice.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

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