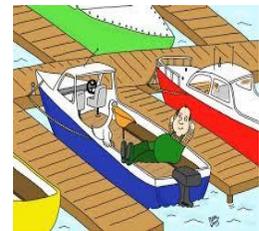


The Recreational Newsletter

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Start-up-Procedures for Seasonal Non-Community Water Supplies



A seasonal public drinking water supply is “a supply that is not operated on a year-round basis and starts up and shuts down at the beginning and end of each operating season.” Examples of seasonal supplies may include **campgrounds, golf courses, ice cream parlors, parks, beaches, and marinas.**

Seasonal supplies are required to complete and submit to your local health department (LHD) a “**Start-Up Certification Form**” before serving water to the public. There are nine start-up tasks required for all seasonal supplies to complete prior to opening to the public, which includes submitting the results of two pre-opening bacteria water samples. Do not serve water to the public until you complete and submit the start-up certification form and provide safe water sample test results to the LHD. You must contact your LHD immediately if results are E. coli positive. Contact your LHD regarding any questions relating to these procedures.

The Start-Up Certification Form is available from your LHD and electronically from EGLE* by [clicking here](#). The [EGLE Seasonal Public Groundwater Supply Handbook](#) is also available electronically on the EGLE's Web Site.

Please be advised; do not collect the Nitrate sample with the pre-opening bacteria water samples. For compliance purposes, the Nitrate sample must be collected during the season.

The start-up of the water supply system should begin well in advance of the anticipated first day of public use. The start-up procedures may need to be performed more than once if coliform bacteria is found to be present in any of the pre-opening samples. Allow plenty of time for potential repairs, repeating these procedures, and for possible additional sampling before your anticipated opening day.

After opening your seasonal supply to the public, you are required to collect “routine” bacteriological samples. Place a reminder on your calendar for the days you intend to collect the routine coliform bacteria samples and other required sampling parameters, such as nitrate. It is recommended to collect samples early in the compliance period.

Seasonal supplies are required to submit the results of an acceptable coliform bacteria water sample result for the fourth (4th) calendar quarter or last month if on monthly sampling, if the supply is open during any part of that month/quarter.

For a fee, the Central Michigan District Health Department offers a Contract Sampling Service to our Type II Public Water Supplies.



Communicable Disease

Michigan has experienced outbreaks of Hepatitis A and Measles over the last couple of years. Norovirus (stomach flu) is also ever present. While Hep A and Measles are vaccine preventable diseases, if too many people are unvaccinated outbreaks can occur. Proper cleaning of bathroom facilities and other public areas is necessary to keep your patrons safe. Cleaning facilities frequently, using effective disinfectants, is your first line of defense against harmful bacteria and viruses that could be present at your facility. [Click here](#) for a handy guide from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The guide is written for controlling flu in schools, but the information is suitable for campground and pool operators. Remember to always follow manufacturer's directions and wear proper protective clothing when using chemicals. Visit www.cmdhd.org for more information about Hepatitis A, Measles, and Norovirus.

Public Swimming Pool Safety Reminders



It is the pool owner's responsibility to make sure the pool is properly equipped with safety equipment. Although you hope an emergency never happens, you want to be ready if it does. If you need information on what is needed call the health department!

All safety equipment must be located at the pool and easily accessible at all times. Pools should also have a contingency plan on the premises with details on what to do in case of an emergency. If the pool has lifeguard employees, a copy of the lifeguard certification should be kept on file. Lastly, a qualified person needs to be readily available at all times or **within 15 minutes of being contacted whenever the pool is accessible to swimmers.** This qualified person is required to be familiar with pool operations, such as water chemistry, mechanical equipment, and pool safety.

Checklist of safety equipment

- Working 9-1-1 phone on site and properly labeled with address of property and facility name.
- Back board with 3 straps and head immobilizer in good condition.
- First aid kit and blood spill kit
- Throwing rope ring buoy that is 1.5 times longer than width of pool
- 12 foot blunt ended rescue pole (shepherd hook not necessary)

*The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is now Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)

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