

**Legal Notice**  
**DRINKING WATER NOTICE**

Tests show presence of total coliform bacteria in water

The Village of Fishkill Water Supply, PWS ID#: 1302765, routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The Village took five samples on May 22, 2013. Of the five samples collected two showed a positive result for total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may do so.

**What This Means**

This is not an emergency. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves.

*Total Coliform are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Total Coliform was found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.* Usually, Total Coliform is a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution systems.

**You may drink the water.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. People with

severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

**Steps We Are Taking**

Nine repeat samples were collected on May 23, 2013 as required under the New York State Sanitary Code for Drinking Water; all resamples met the drink water standards for Total Coliform. With the collection of the additional samples on May 23rd indicating the water quality meets all requirements of the NYS Sanitary Code for Drinking Water this issue was resolved.

***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.***

In case of questions call:

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or the Dutchess County Health Department at 845-486-3404