

PUBLIC NOTICE

The OAK GROVE WATER ASSOCIATION is a public water system subject to regulation under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Those regulations require the notification of customers whenever a violation occurs and is the basis for this notice.

Only 2 of the required 3 valid bacteriological sample results were received during June 2025. It appears that the 3rd sample may have been lost in transit. Immediately upon discovery, a replacement sample was collected and submitted on July 9, 2025.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliforms is a possible health concern.

Although the water system submitted a replacement sample and all 3 samples tested good (ABSENT for the presence of total coliforms); because the replacement sample was not received during the month of June 2025, the Arkansas Department of Health has determined that the water system did not conduct the required monitoring or obtain valid results for total coliform bacteria during this time period and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of the drinking water at that time.

Failure to meet this requirement does not necessarily mean that the water is (was) unsafe or that alternative sources of water should be used.

The water system has – collected and submitted a replacement sample from the same location. The water system is updating the Chain of Custody form to ensure that all samples are properly tracked and accounted for during transit provided by a third-party courier.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, contact the water system at 479-474-5067 or the Engineering Section of the Department of Health at 501-661-2623.