

## Kathy Spofford

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**To:** 'Kathy Spofford'  
**Cc:** James Kreidler; 'Carolyn Smart'  
**Subject:** RE: Water Testing Results

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Kathy,

The Highland water tank has three circulating pumps that run continuously in order constantly change/improve the water quality in the tanks. The Fitchburg Road Tank has a pipe diffuser inside the tank that pushes the water in different directions when filling. Recently (last week), we have made adjustments to the water levels in both tanks. We are letting each tank draw down further than in the past in filling up with fresher water from the wells.

Aside from the monthly required bacteria sampling we are required to perform at the tanks and in the system, we are also being proactive with other testing to see if there is any bacteria growing and to what level.

July's water samples where all negative for coliform bacteria.

System wide chlorination may be required by the DEP, but we will not know that until later in August

Both tanks will be inspected and cleaned in September/October by a private vendor

Fire hydrants - I will get an accurate count of how fire hydrants are currently out of service and a schedule for repair and/or replacement.

Leak detection will be brought to the attention of the BOWC's, but I plan on conducting this in August.

If Andrea Wood needs additional information please do not have her hesitate to request it

Respectfully,

Thomas Orcutt  
Interim-Water Superintendent

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Spofford [mailto:kspofford@townsend.ma.us]  
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 1:17 PM  
To: Paul Rafuse <prafuse@townsend.ma.us>  
Cc: 'Terry Walsh' <twalsh@townsend.ma.us>  
Subject: FW: Water Testing Results

Hi Tom,

Today I received the below public records request. Please send the response to me and I will forward it to the requestor. If you have any questions, please contact me.