Important Information about Your Drinking Water

This is not an emergency.

This notice is for customers of the City of Onamia public water supply.
Thursday, July 29th, 2025

We are making improvements to the drinking water supply. These improvements may cause temporary changes in your water.

What improvements are being made?

- We are building a new treatment plant to continue to improve drinking water quality. The new treatment plant will remove iron, manganese and ammonia from the water. Construction on the new water treatment plant building started in spring 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in spring 2026. Startup of the new water treatment plant is anticipated to begin fall 2025.
- We are building a new well to continue to provide you with a safe and reliable source of drinking water. Water from the new well will be treated by the new water treatment plant before entering the distribution system.

Are there any health or safety concerns?

- We will work with the Minnesota Department of Health to continue monitoring our water during the Water Treatment Plant and Well Improvements to ensure that we continue to provide safe drinking water.

Will there be any water quality changes?

- The new treatment plant will remove iron and manganese, two common metals. Removing iron and manganese will reduce sediment buildup in the water mains and your plumbing. You may notice an improved taste of your water.
- The color of the water may change temporarily.
- Sediment buildup in the water mains can cause water to have a red or black color. If the color of your water changes, we recommend letting your faucets run until the water is clear before you drink or use it.
- Tiny air bubbles in the water can cause the water to look cloudy. You do not need to let the water run before you use cloudy water. If you prefer, you can let the water sit and the bubbles will disappear.

Will my water service be disrupted?

- We do not anticipate any disruptions in your water service. If the color of your water changes, we recommend letting your faucets run until the water is clear before you drink or use it.

We will send another notice if we anticipate disruptions to your water service. For more information, please contact Gene Falconer at gene@onamiamn.gov 320-630-6450, or visit our website at https://onamiamn.com/category/public-notices/ for answers to frequently asked questions, updated information, and more.