

Gore Hill County Water District

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Water Restrictions Change

Water restrictions allow customers to water every day of the year. You still need to adhere to the time schedule:

- 05:00 to 11:00 AM (Morning)
- 05:00 to 11:00 PM (Evening)

2026 Election Year

The Gore Hill Water District has 3 positions up for election. If interested in being part of the community and serving on the board of directors, you are encouraged to file. You can find election application and timeline on the Cascade County website under Elections.

Filing begins sometime in December; Cascade County Elections Office has not posted 2026 dates yet. The election is in tandem with the school's election.

System Leak

Please, if you see water standing or notice anything unusual with your water notify the district at once. Since the water does not always surface leaks can be very difficult to locate. Leak location equipment has been purchased and the operator will be assessing the system.

Water Outage

Gore Hill County Water District uses variable speed pumps to distribute water to our customers. When we have power outages, our pumps go down and the system loses pressure. Please be aware our pumps work off 3 phase commercial power. This means you might have power returned to your home, but we will not have all 3 legs of power to run our pumps. If you have water outage, please call 406-899-1366 so we can respond. Posting on Facebook does not notify us like a phone call.

Water System Challenges

Over the past quarter, Gore Hill Water has experienced several maintenance challenges. A chlorine injector failed, causing both a spike and a drop in chlorine levels; it has since been rebuilt and is now fully functional. Two distribution pumps developed seal issues that affected

water pressure and aeration, and several pressure sensors were replaced. In addition, one of our variable frequency drives failed, and replacement parts were difficult to procure; however, the part has been secured, and the system is now fully operational. We are actively addressing these issues to strengthen system reliability and ensure continued performance. At no time has water safety been compromised—our water remains safe, reliable, and fully drinkable. We appreciate your continued understanding and support as we work to improve our system.

The above report is the reason for sediment (discolored water) and air in water lines, cause sputtering faucets, gurgling noises, cloudy water, and pressure issues.

Chlorination Failure

During the month of July one of the chlorine injector failures. This caused a huge spike in chlorine in the distribution system. In the process of correcting this cause the district to be in violation of the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.38.229. During the monitoring the minimum chlorine level was below the level of 0.2 mg/L or ppm at the entry point. Ethical thing to do is to report the readings to Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Month of July was a challenging month in correcting this problem. Required letter has been provided to you addressing this violation.

Generator for Sale

Generac diesel generator model 97A04485-S

Volts 277/480

100 kVA

60 kW

120.4 Amps

0.6 Power factor

3 Phase

60 Hz

RPM 1800

60 kW

Hobbs meter reads

356.3 hrs.



Trailer is a 1990 D&D Mfg. 5 ton, twin axle, flatbed, down rig stabilizers, air brakes, pintle hitch, spare tire.

Comes with new battery (Aug 2024)

Genius G7200 7.2A battery tender/charger

50 ft of 1AWG 2000V panel hookup cable with panel plug.

\$14,500 or make an offer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

During the month of July 2025 the chlorine disinfectant residual dropped below the required minimum 0.20 milligrams per liter at the entry point to the distribution system.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. 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. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

What does this mean?

This situation does not require that you take immediate action. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

These symptoms, however, are not only caused by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What happened? What is being done?

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.

For more information, please contact: GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DIST at 4503 62ND AVE SW GREAT FALLS MT, or Phone 404.560.3142.

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