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The City of Newburyport, Department of Public Services, Water Division is pleased to report the November 2018 water sampling yielded excellent results for all four City sample sites and the City is in full compliance for the fourth quarter. The City has informed MADEP of the latest sampling results and no additional action is required.

The Water Division had previously notified residents and consumers that the 2018 third quarter Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) water sampling results indicated that one of the four sample sites had exceeded the compliance average limit. The quarterly sampling results were not typical for the City's water system. The City was later informed that several other Massachusetts communities had similar elevated Third Quarter TTHM sampling results.

The City provided public notification in September for the 2018 Third quarter (August) sampling results, and consulted with MADEP and one of its primary water consultants with a long working relationship and vast institutional knowledge with the City's water systems. To remedy the issue, the City modified the fall hydrant flushing program that was implemented in September and October. The result has been significantly lower quarterly sample site results. Similar modifications will be made to upcoming flushing programs in an effort to maintain consistent future quarterly sampling results and increase the overall water quality throughout the water distribution system.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Water Treatment Plant at 978-465-4466.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience with this matter.

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