

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

- Tribal members can sign up for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Program (POWTS) to pump and inspect your septic tank at no charge.
- Failing, overflowing and/or nonexistent septic systems are contributing to a majority of the bacteria.
- It is not always apparent when a septic system is not functioning properly; thus, it is crucial to keep up with regular inspections and maintenance.
- Septic tanks should be pumped and inspected every 1-3 years.
- “Flushable” wipes are not flushable. Throw wipes in the trash.
- Using phosphate free soaps can help improve the quality of the river.
<https://www.neefusa.org/story/sustainability/why-phosphate-free>



ABOUT US

The mission of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Environmental Team is to support Tribal Council's relations with governmental and non-governmental organizations, to ensure Tribal representation in environmental issues, protect Tribal natural resources, and facilitate sustainable development.

Our guiding principle is to follow our cultural teachings that tell us, "As human beings, our original responsibility is to care for our Mother Earth in the same way she cares for us." By working together to protect Mother Earth, we keep her beautiful and healthy. In turn, she keeps us all healthy, both for our generation and the next seven generations to come.



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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WATER QUALITY

E. Coli



Working Together To
Protect Our Environment

TRIBAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

The SCIT Water Program monitors and assesses the health of Tribal waters including rivers, streams and lakes. Monitoring surface water is essential to understanding any potential risks to public health as well as protecting the waters from environmental degradation.



WARNING

Water sampled at this location indicates:

This public beach is not safe for swimming!

BACTERIA Exceeds Limits for Safe Swimming

*Investigation into the source of the contamination is ongoing.
This notice remains in effect until SAFE BACTERIA samples are obtained.*

Contact the Central Michigan District Health Department at 989.773.5921 for more information on beach safety.
www.cmdhd.org



WHAT ARE THE E. COLI LEVELS?

- Check the Michigan Beach Guard webpage.
- For more local information visit the Central Michigan District Health Department webpage www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/ or call 989-773-5921
- Local results from SCIT's Water Quality Program are posted on the SCIT Facebook page.
- Advisory signs imply that the river is contaminated in the area and downstream, not solely at the location of the posting.
- Watch the weather - avoid swimming for a few days after a rain event.
- View the interactive mapping tool for MI Statewide e. Coli levels: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/water-resources/tmdl/statewide-e-coli-tmdl>
- Water Quality Data: <https://mywaterway.epa.gov/community>

