



MCMS Details Potable Water Handling for Cistern Deliveries

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MCMS, Inc. has detailed the potable water handling practices it applies to bulk water deliveries across Larimer County, Colorado, including its use of a stainless steel tank dedicated exclusively to drinking water. The company delivers to residential cisterns, livestock operations, and household storage tanks at properties throughout the county that are not connected to municipal water systems.

The company operates under training and certification administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and performs quality control testing on the water it delivers. Its tank holds 2,000 gallons per load and is used for potable water only. Under state guidance, drinking water transported by truck must originate from an approved source and be handled in equipment suitable for potable use throughout transport, storage, and dispensing.

Requirements governing potable delivery differ from those applied to non-potable hauling such as construction water, dust control, or industrial supply. Equipment dedicated to drinking water is subject to

source, sanitation, and handling standards, and stainless steel is used in potable applications because its non-porous surface can be cleaned and sanitized more reliably than alternative materials. MCMS reports that its tank has not been used for non-potable applications.

"Keeping one tank for one purpose is simpler than trying to clean a tank between different kinds of loads. Anything going into a family's cistern ought to come out of equipment that has never held anything else. That was the decision from the start." commented Jesse Moore, Owner of MCMS, Inc.

Demand for hauled water across the region typically rises during dry periods. Precipitation in Larimer County from January through July of 2026 ranked as the tenth driest such period in 132 years of records, running approximately four inches below normal, according to data published by the National Integrated Drought Information System. The South Platte River Basin recorded precipitation at 73 percent of median for the water year through early August, and the county registered a one-class deterioration in drought classification during the week ending August 10. Drought and abnormal dryness covered 97.29 percent of Colorado during the same period.

Households outside municipal service rely on wells, cisterns, or a combination of the two. Wells that produce slowly can fall behind household demand during extended dry periods, and cisterns drawn down faster than usual require more frequent refilling. Storage capacity varies widely between properties, and the interval between deliveries depends on household size, outdoor use, and whether a well contributes any volume at all.

Agricultural and livestock customers face a separate set of constraints. Stock tanks and troughs draw down faster in sustained heat, and surface sources that hold through an average summer can decline or fail in a dry one. Frozen wells and frozen tanks create comparable shortfalls in winter, when access to pasture and outbuildings is often more difficult than the delivery itself.

The company also delivers water for hot tub and storage tank filling. Filling a hot tub from a well that produces slowly can draw the well down, and some property owners schedule a delivery instead to avoid affecting household supply for the remainder of the day. Storage tank fills are also used by properties that keep a reserve on hand between scheduled deliveries.

Delivery scheduling depends on storage capacity, road access, and distance from the company's base in Loveland. Properties in the western and northern portions of the county, including areas near Livermore, Laporte, Bellvue, Masonville, and Red Feather Lakes, often sit on unpaved or steep access roads, and conditions on those roads change seasonally. Access constraints affect both scheduling and the volume that can be delivered in a single trip.

MCMS, Inc. is a veteran-operated bulk water delivery company based in Loveland, Colorado. The company provides potable water for residential cistern filling, livestock and agricultural use, and hot tub and storage tank filling to properties throughout Larimer County. For more information, visit www.mcmsinc.com.

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