



Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for May 2023

Food Safety

I conducted 2 mobile inspections and a vending inspection during May. The REHS contractor for food inspections will be completing more food inspections during June through December which will help the environmental division immensely.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 5 nuisance complaints during the month of May. The majority (4) were solid waste issues. One complaint was at a food service operation and it was resolved. I issue written orders to the homeowners informing them of the violation of the ordinance or regulation and then usually a 10-day reinspection. A second order is issued when necessary. A summons to court is issued when compliance is not being accomplished.

General Health

This past month has been very busy with trying to cover the business service officer duties and accreditation. Efforts toward maintaining the processes have disrupted my environmental health duties unfortunately.

I completed three pool inspections in May; however, my reports to the operators are still due. Each pool will be given the ODH issued "Be Sure to Have a SAFE SWIM" placard to display at their facility to help teach the public about pool safety.

I applied for the lead poisoning prevention grant, but I was under extreme time constraints while other issues were going on....I do know that my proposal was accepted but I haven't heard anything other than that.

I am working to get the new surveillance contractor for mosquito control trapping on a weekly basis for mosquitoes in Galion through the end of September.

Rabies

Galion received 2 animal bite reports for the month of May 2023, both were dog bites. A letter was sent to both owners on the quarantine process and the requirement to take the dog to the veterinarian to confirm the rabies shots for the animals are up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

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