2026 Bacteria Data - Shellfish Tributary and Narrow River Sites: Fecal coliform

A number of groups of bacteria species are used to indicate the presense of human sewage and associated pathogens, or disease causing organisms in water. Fecal coliform are one group, and its monitoring is required under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program for shellfish waters and as an indicator of overall water quality. Thus RIDEM assesses fecal coliform levels in marine waters or waters that discharge directly to marine waters.

While URIWW's Analytical Laboratories are State certified, Watershed Watch data is intended for screening purposes only. Our data help target areas of concerns and track potential sources of bacterial contamination. Samples may have been collected over a several days for each collection period, so may reflect dry versus wet weather or rain event values. Please contact Watershed Watch for specific sample dates.

Any result above the state standard is considered unsafe, and swimmers should refrain from swimming until results return to acceptable levels, or at least for several days after heavy rain.

RI Department of Environmental Management fecal coliform standards:

Shellfish Waters - Geometric mean not to exceed 14 fecal coliform per 100 mL.

USEPA regulations require tributaries to meet receiving waters standards at the point where they enter.

Shellfish Waters Tributaries Fecal Coliform Data (see "Tidal-enterococci" or "Rivers-Bacteria" for enterococci data)

Watershed Code	MONITORING LOCATION	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	GEOMEAN
		- - Most Probable Number of Fecal coliform per 100 mL - -						
GB	STB - Apponaug Cove	465	-	-	-	-	-	-
GB	STB - Upper Warwick Cove	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	STB - Buckeye Brook Outflow	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	STB - Off Rocky Point	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	STB - Providence River off STB	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
CW	(CLT) Yawgunsk Brook at Rte 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H	HW #1b - Scrabbletown Brk @ Rte 4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
H	HW#4 Davis Memorial	134	-	-	-	-	-	-
H	HW#5 Sandhill Brk (Saw Mill Inlet)	70	-	-	-	-	-	-
H	HW#6b Hunt @ Potowomut Pond	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Jamestown - Great (Zeek's) Creek	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Jamestown - Fox Hill Marsh	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
WD	Pawcatuck River - North of WWTP	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
WD	Pawcatuck River - South of WWTP	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
WD	Pawcatuck River - Mastuxet Brook	195	-	-	-	-	-	-
WD	Pawcatuck River - Mouth	238	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Wesquage Pond	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Wesquage Inlet - Bonnet Pt Rd (from Little P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Wesquage Inlet - Lake Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Wesquage Outlet - Pondside	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Wickford Harbor -Fishing Cove	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Wickford Harbor - Main St Dock	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Wickford Cove West of Loop Dr	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Wickford Cove East of Loop Dr	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
NA	Woonas. R @ Waterplace Park	30	-	-	-	-	-	-

Click here for Clean Up Sound & Harbors, Napatree Point, and Little Narragansett Bay Sites Data

Click here for Salt Ponds, Here for Bristol Harbor and Here for Block Island Bacteria Data

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Narrow River Watch Sites (click here for NR enterococci data)

Watershed Code	MONITORING LOCATION	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	GEOMEAN
		-- Most Probable Number of Fecal coliform per 100 mL --						
PE	NR 01- Gilbert Stuart	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 02 - Upper Pond	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 03 - Lower Pond A	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 04 - Lower Pond B	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 13 - Near Lakeside Rd.	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 05 - Lacey Bridge	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 06 - Mettatuxet Beach	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 07 - End of Narrows	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 11 - Mettatuxet Brook		-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 08 - Middlebridge	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 12 - Mumford Brook	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 24 - Starr Drive	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
PE	NR 10 - Sprague Bridge	<10	-	-	-	-	-	-

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See our factsheet on bacteria to learn more about monitoring bacteria and how we can all help to reduce bacterial input into our local water resources is available at http://cels.uri.edu/docslink/ww/water-quality-factsheets/Bacteria.pdf. See the RI Department of Health (http://www.health.ri.gov/beaches/) for additional information about beach monitoring and state standards. RIDEM has information on state efforts to restore waters impaired by bacteria and other pollutants at http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/quality/.

Narrow River is a great place for golden sunsets (Image from https://www.visitrhodeisland.com/listing/narrow-river/12606/)