## GUIDANCE DURING A BOIL WATER ADVISORY

**Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

A **Boil Water Advisory** has been issued on Click or tap to enter a date.*,* for the following drinking water system/location/area:

* Enter drinking water system name and address
* List specific address or geographic area

The Boil Water Advisory has been issued due to: select the appropriate reason for the BWA and delete those that do not apply

1. Recent water samples collected from Address have indicated unsatisfactory levels of bacterial contamination in the water supply.
2. A watermain break occurred at Address and there is the risk of contamination to the drinking water supply.
3. Floodwaters have impacted drinking water sources.

It is not safe to consume water directly from your tap, as it can make you sick. The elderly, very young, and people with weakened immune systems are most at risk**.**

A boil water advisory means all water used for cooking or drinking must be brought to a rolling boil for at least one (1) minute prior to use. A safe alternative to using boiled water is commercially bottled water or water from an approved source.

The boil water advisory remains in effect until it is lifted by the Medical Officer of Health or a Public Health Inspector. You will be notified once the problem has been corrected. Until then, you are urged to:

BOIL your water at a rolling boil for at least ONE (1) MINUTE and allow it to cool before using it to:

# Drink.

# Brush your teeth or rinse dentures.

# Prepare food, wash fruits, vegetables, and other food.

# Prepare infant formula.

# Make ice, beverages, or other mixes.

* Wash dishes.
* Provide drinking water to pets.

Bathing:

# Adults, teens and older children can use water for baths and showers.

# Small children can be given sponge-baths instead of tub baths or showers.

# Do not swallow any water used for showers and baths.

Laundry:

# It is safe to do laundry with the water.

Hand Hygiene:

# Hand hygiene is an important measure to help prevent the spread of germs and should be performed during this boil water advisory.

# Use of an alcohol-based (70%) hand rub is recommended for hands that are not visibly soiled.

# If hands are visibly soiled, hands should be cleaned with a disposable wet wipe then an alcohol-based hand rub applied.

# If disposable hand wipes are not available, hands should be washed with water and soap, dried, and then an alcohol-based hand rub applied to hands.

If You are Sick:

Illness can occur when someone consumes contaminated water. Signs and symptoms include severe stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. If you are experiencing symptoms, please contact your health care provider or Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 and inform them that you have consumed water in an area affected by a boil water advisory.

For more information, contact Enter contact information