

Boil Water Notice

Boil Water Notice - A boil water notice is a public notice issued by the officials of a public water system to the customers of that public water system recommending that they boil their drinking water.

When conditions exist in a drinking water system that endanger or could be expected to endanger the public health and safety, it is imperative that the people affected are notified of these conditions and are given the opportunity to protect themselves and their families.

The authority to issue a Boil Water Order could be for the following circumstances:

- A system violates the acute maximum contaminant level for fecal or Escherichia coliform;
- Chlorine residuals less than 0.2 mg/l in the distribution system;
- Water pressures less than 20 psi occur anywhere in the distribution system;
- Finished water turbidities greater than 1.0 NTU occur in any confirmed test in surface water systems.

Other instances where a Boil Water Order might be issued include:

- Any unfiltered surface water entering into system
- Evidence of a contaminated water storage tank
- Natural disasters (floods, tornadoes, earthquakes) likely to have adverse affect on the water systems and water quality in a treatment plant or distribution system, other than a loss of pressure
- Man-made emergencies/threats/disasters
- Evidence of a possible disease outbreak where available data suggest drinking water may be the source

Occasionally Public Water Supply District #3 will issue a precautionary boil water advisory. This does not mean that the water is necessarily contaminated. PWSD #3 will issue a boil order to make sure our customers are safe. Notification will be made by telephone, on local radio stations, or by door hangers. A Precautionary Boil Order will sound similar to the following:

Due to your water being off (DATE) for (REASON) , Public Water Supply District #3 is issuing a precautionary boil water advisory for your residence until (TIME) .

During this time, we ask that you boil water for five minutes and let it cool before consuming by drinking, brushing teeth, diluting juices and all other food preparation or consumption. If you are elderly, have small children, or a compromised immune system you may wish to consult with your physician.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 660-429-2494. Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:00 pm.

A precautionary boil order could be issued when there is a severe line break, scheduled repair, or other occurrence that may compromise the integrity of the water system. This does not mean that the water is necessarily contaminated, but to be as safe as possible PWSD #3 suggests to boil water before you ingest it.