

Boil Water Advisory Guidelines

HEAT

1. Strain water through a clean cloth into a clean container to remove any sediment or floating matter.
2. Boil the water vigorously for at least three (3) full minutes.
3. Allow water to cool. Keep water in clean covered container. Add a pinch of salt for each quart to improve taste.

CHEMICAL

1. Non-scented, household chlorine bleach.
2. 1/8 teaspoon of bleach to 1 Gallon water.
3. Mix and let the solution stand for at least 30 minutes.

Dishwashing: Hot (not boiled) soapy water can be used for dishwashing and kitchen/bathroom surface cleaning. Add 1/4 teaspoon of bleach per gallon of rinse water.

Laundry: Laundry water does not need to be treated.

Showering/bathing: Unless specifically listed, water for showering does not need to be treated.

When the boil water advisory is cancelled:

1. Flush pipes and faucets. Run water faucets continuously for at least 5 minutes.
2. Flush home automatic ice makers. Make three batches of ice cubes and discard all three batches.
3. Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
4. Change all water filters.

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