

PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER ORDER

CUSTOMERS OF THE GREATER PLATTSBURGH AREA WATER DISTRICT AND ASSOCIATED SYSTEMS IT SERVES INCLUDING MORRISONVILLE WATER DISTRICT, SOUTHEAST BEEKMANTOWN WATER DISTRICT, BLUFF POINT WATER DISTRICT, CLIFF HAVEN WATER DISTRICT AND PARC WATER DISTRICT WATER MAY BE CONTAMINATED WITH E. COLI BACTERIA

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

CUSTOMERS OF THE ABOVE LISTED WATER SYSTEMS ARE HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BOIL ALL WATER FOR DRINKING AND CULINARY PURPOSES.


John Kanoza, P.E. Director of Environmental Health

E. coli bacteria were found in the water supply on August 13, 2013. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. The New York State Department of Health views any confirmed *E. coli* positive sample as a public health hazard and a violation of drinking water standards.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills most bacteria and other organisms in the water.

E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

The symptoms above are not just caused by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What happened? What is being done?

The source of contamination is unknown at this time. Repeat samples are being tested. You will be informed when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. It is anticipated that the problem will be resolved within 48 hours. For more information, please contact Scott Stoddard at 518 562-6890 or the Clinton County Health Dept. at 518-565-4870.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.





Clinton County Health Department

Jerie Reid, Director of Public Health
133 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York 12901-2968

"Working Together for a Healthier Community"

Health Information Line: (518) 565-4490 www.ClintonHealth.org



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Environmental Health & Safety Division

Phone: (518) 565-4870

Fax: (518) 565-4843

BOIL WATER INSTRUCTIONS

State and Local Health authorities recommend that consumers take the following precautions:

- (1) Water used for drinking, making ice, as an additive, mixer for all foods and preparing food should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute prior to use.
- (2) Another alternative is to drink bottled water, certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health.
- (3) Water used to rinse dishes should have two (2) teaspoons of 5% liquid bleach per gallon of water for proper disinfection.
- (4) You do not need to take special precautions with recipes in which water is normally boiled; i.e., spaghetti, etc....
- (5) Coffee and tea can be made safely with your water when you boil the water during preparation.
- (6) You can safely use your water for bathing and washing clothes.
- (7) Water can be used for gardening provided fruits and vegetables are washed with boiled water or water from an approved source before consumption.
- (8) Household pets can continue drinking the water since they are usually more tolerant of bacteria. If you have any questions, you should call your pet's veterinarian.
- (9) This advisory applies to all drinking water, drinking fountains and other water sources in offices and other places of business also under the advisory.
- (10) Owners of fish in aquariums should consult their pet store because of the extra chlorine being added to your water.
- (11) The Boil Water Order covers your water system only.
- (12) Individuals who have symptoms of illness may wish to seek medical attention. Please take the above steps to protect your health until further notice.

K/form letters water/bwo/bwo instructions



<http://www.facebook.com/ClintonHealth>

NOTICE!

Water From

THE GREATER PLATTSBURGH AREA WATER DISTRICT AND ASSOCIATED SYSTEMS IT SERVES INCLUDING MORRISONVILLE WATER DISTRICT, SOUTHEAST BEEKMANTOWN WATER DISTRICT, BLUFF POINT WATER DISTRICT, CLIFF HAVEN WATER DISTRICT AND PARC WATER DISTRICT

**GREATER PLATTSBURGH AREA WATER DISTRICT – PWS ID: NY0900220
SOUTHEAST BEEKMANTOWN WATER DISTRICT – PWS ID: NY0930048
MORRISONVILLE WATER DISTRICT - PWS ID: NY0900226
BLUFF POINT WATER DISTRICT- PWS ID: NY0916542
CLIFF HAVEN WATER DISTRICT- PWS ID: NY0900218
PARC WATER DISTRICT - PWS ID: NY0930177**

**MUST BE BOILED
TO ENSURE SAFETY**

This directive to remain in effect until the Health Department has satisfactory evidence of delivery of a safe water supply.

**CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
565-4870**

