

BOIL WATER ADVISORY: TO USERS OF BENMILLER DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

Date: August 29, 2024

The Medical Officer of Health for Huron Perth Public Health has issued a **Boil Water Advisory** on August 29, 2024 for the Benmiller Drinking Water System.

The Boil Water Advisory has been issued due to a loss of pressure in the system.

It is not safe to consume water directly from your tap, as it could 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 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 when the problem is rectified. **NOTE: A notice lifting the Boil Water Advisory will be issued by Huron Perth Public Health when two consecutive satisfactory water results are obtained.**

Until then, you are urged to:

BOIL your water at a rolling boil for at least 1 (ONE) 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
- preparing infant formula
- make ice, beverages, or other mixes
- wash dishes
- provide drinking water to pets

You may also use bottled water or commercially treated water from an approved source.

BATHING:

- adults, teens and older children can use un-boiled 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 hand rub (70%) 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 should be applied.
- If disposable hand wipes are not available, hands should be washed with water and soap, dried, and then an alcohol-based hand rub should be applied to hands.

If you are SICK:

Illness can occur when someone drinks water lacking disinfection. Signs and symptoms may include severe stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

- If you are experiencing symptoms and have consumed water in an affected area, follow up with your health care provider. Please share with your health care provider that you have consumed water in an area affected by a boil water advisory.
- If you are experiencing diarrhea, your health care provider may request submission of a stool sample.

For more information contact Huron Perth Public Health at 1-888-221-2133.