

Boil Water Advisory Instructions

Residential Customers

- Use boiled or bottled water only for drinking, cooking, making ice, washing fruits and vegetables, brushing teeth, and making baby formula.
- Water should be brought to a rapid boil and boiled for one minute prior to consumption.
- Adults and teens may shower as long as no water is swallowed.
- Younger children should be sponged – bathed instead of tub bathing, because they are likely to swallow tub water.
- It is safe to use dishwashers only if the dishwasher has a hot setting; otherwise, after finishing the cycle, soak dishes for 1 minute in a solution of 1 oz. (30 ml) of bleached mixed with 3 gallons (13.5 liters) of lukewarm water. Let dishes air-dry.
- You may continue to do laundry the way you usually do.

Food Service Establishments

- All water that is to be provided directly to your customers for drinking must be commercially bottled water.
- All foods that need to be washed, rinsed or soaked must be done with commercially bottled water.
- Supermarkets must turn off spray hoses, used to spray their fruits and vegetables, for the duration of the advisory.
- All water used as an ingredient in food products must be commercially bottled.
- When preparing food, which will be boiled in water, you may do so as long as the water is brought to a hard boil for a minimum of 1 minute.
- Machines used to dispense cold beverages Must Not be used.
- Coffee brewers and hot tea towers may operate if the water temperatures are maintained above 150 F, and should be verified by daily monitoring with a probe thermometer.
- All ice must be made with commercially bottled water, or must originate from a commercial ice supply distributor.

Water Quality

- Rushville City Utilities is not responsible for damages resulting from a Boil Water Advisory, this is a precaution only until 2 bacteria samples have been analyzed that are negative in bacteria. Therefore, the consumer must take responsibility for ensuring that the water is boiled prior to consumption.