# [DATE]

# BOIL WATER ADVISORY

[System’s] water is contaminated with E. coli.

Boil your water before drinking or food preparation to avoid Getting sick.

## What should I do?

Do not drink, brush teeth, or cook with tap water without boiling it first. Or use a safe alternative such as bottled water.

* Bring all water to a rolling boil for one (1) minute.
* Let water cool before drinking.
* Use boiled or bottled water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, and food preparation **until further notice**.
* Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in water.

Until we correct the contamination problem, we are providing safe drinking water at the following location: [provide location information].

## What happened?

The drinking water may have been contaminated due to [list a recent event or other possible causes for the contamination] that occurred on [DATE]. The affected area includes: [include geographical description, street boundaries, etc.]

## What are we doing?

We are taking the following steps to correct the problem: [Describe corrective action]. We will let you know when tests show the water is safe to drink and you no longer need to boil your water. We expect to resolve the problem within [estimated time].

## What may be the health effects?

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

If you are concerned about your health or the health of a family member, contact your health care provider.

**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.**

## For more information

Please contact [system contact] at [phone number].

For more information: [Community Drinking Water Advisory Guidance (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/com/dwaguidance.pdf](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/com/dwaguidance.pdf)).

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