## GUIDANCE DURING A

## DO NOT DRINK WATER ADVISORY

**Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

The Enter DWS operator/owner name or Municipality or Medical Officer of Health has issued a **Do Not Drink, Drinking Water Advisory** on Click or tap to enter a date*,* for the following location/area:

List specific address or geographic area

**Do not drink the water until further notice**

Due to possible contamination, it is not safe to consume water directly from your tap, as it may make you ill. The elderly, the very young, and people with weakened immune systems are most at risk**.**

A Do Not Drink advisory is issued during situations when boiling the water will NOT get rid of the contaminant in the water supply. In fact, boiling the water may INCREASE the concentration of a contaminant in the water.

# Until the advisory is lifted, a safe alternative source of potable water such as commercially bottled water or water from an approved source should be used for:

#  drinking

# brushing your teeth or rinsing dentures

* food preparation

# washing fruits, vegetables, and other food

# preparing infant formula

# making ice, beverages, or other mixes

* washing dishes

Bathing:

# adults, teens and older children can use 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

The Do Not Drink 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 has been corrected.

Hand hygiene:

Hand hygiene is an important measure to help prevent the spread of germs and should be performed during a drinking water advisory.

* Use of an alcohol-based (70%) hand rub 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 applied.
* If disposable hand wipes are not available, hands should be washed with alternative source of waterand soap, dried, and then an alcohol-based hand rub applied to hands.

If you are sick:

Illness can occur when someone consumes contaminated water. If you are experiencing unusual symptoms, please contact your health care provider or Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 and inform them that you have consumed water in an area affected by a Do Not Drink water advisory.

For more information, contact Enter contact information