

## PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 4

### What is a Boil Advisory?

A precautionary boil advisory is issued when there is a concerning problem with drinking water that may exist, but has not been confirmed or when the water has been shut off to the main supply line or if the main water supply drops below 20psi. The Water District will not lift the advisory until results from water bacteriological analysis have been collected. This analysis can take up to two business days, before the precautionary advisory can be lifted.

Steps that should be taken if precautionary boil advisory is in effect.

1. Boil water vigorously for three minutes prior to use. Use only water that has been boiled for drinking, diluting fruit juices, all other food preparation and brushing teeth. (note: let water cool sufficiently before drinking)
2. Dispose of ice cubes and do not use ice from a household automatic ice maker. Remake ice cubes with water that has been boiled.
3. Disinfect dishes and other food contact surfaces by immersion for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.
4. Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing or using backyard pool so water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.

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