



DRINKING WATER WARNING BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Disease-causing organisms **MAY** have entered
the City of Devils Lake water supply.

The City of Devils Lake recently learned about potential health risks to the City of Devils Lake water supply caused by loss of pressure to the distribution system due to a water main break caused by the cold weather. The seriousness of this situation warrants this public notice.

What should you do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms that may be in the water. **Only bottled water should be used for preparing infant formula.** Boiled water, bottled water or water from another approved source should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice.
- **Due to loss of pressure to the drinking water distribution system,** the potential exists for contamination of the drinking water with disease-causing microorganisms which can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. If you experience one or more of these symptoms and they persist, contact your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider. However, the symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. Other illnesses may cause similar symptoms.

What happened? What is being done?

Loss of pressure to the distribution system has occurred due to a water main break caused by the cold weather; therefore, there is a potential for waterborne disease. The break has been isolated and repairs are underway. Once the break has been repaired and water pressure is restored, the city will flush the system and collect samples to test for disease-causing organisms to determine if the water is safe to drink.

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

If you have questions about boiling your water, etc., there is additional information regarding boil orders located on the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality website:

<https://deq.nd.gov/Publications/MF/BoilOrders.pdf>

Please share this information with all 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 further information contact the City of Devils Lake at 701-662-7600 Ext 2.

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