

What should customers on a Boil Water Notice do?

Water for drinking or other human consumption should be boiled and cooled prior to use. The water should be brought to a vigorous rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes.

Tips for boiling water:

- Fill a pot with water.
- Heat the water until bubbles come from the bottom of the pot to the top.
- Once the water reaches a rolling boil, let it boil for 2 minutes.
- Turn off the heat source and *let the water cool*
- Pour the water into a clean container with a cover for storage.

Suggestions for different types of water use:

- Preparing and cooking food
 - Wash all fruits and vegetables with boiled water that has cooled or with bottled water.
 - Bring water to a rolling boil for 2 minutes before adding food to cook.
 - Use boiled water when preparing drinks, such as coffee, tea, and lemonade
 - Wash food preparation surfaces with boiled water.
- Feeding babies and using formula
 - Use ready-to-use baby formula, if possible.
 - Prepare powdered or concentrated baby formula with bottled water. Use boiled water if you do not have bottled water. Disinfect water for baby formula if you cannot boil your water.
 - Wash and sterilize bottles and nipples before use.
 - If you cannot sterilize bottles, try to use single-serve, ready-to-feed bottles.
- Ice making
 - Do not use ice from ice trays, ice dispensers, or ice makers.
 - Throw out all ice made with tap water.
 - Make new ice with boiled or bottled water.
- Bathing and showering
 - Be careful not to swallow any water when bathing or showering.
 - Use caution when bathing babies and young children. Consider giving them a sponge bath to reduce the chance of them swallowing water.
- Brushing teeth
 - Brush teeth with boiled or bottled water. Do not use untreated tap water.
- Washing dishes
 - Household dishwashers generally are safe to use if the water reaches a final rinse temperature of at least 150 degrees or if the dishwasher has a sanitizing cycle.
 - To wash dishes by hand:
 - Wash and rinse the dishes as you normally would using hot water.
 - In a separate basin, add 1 teaspoon of unscented household liquid bleach for each gallon of warm water.
 - Soak the rinsed dishes in the water for at least one minute.
 - Let the dishes air dry completely.
- Laundry
 - It is safe to do laundry as usual.
- Pets
 - Pets can get some of the same diseases as people. It is a good idea to give them boiled water that has been cooled too.
- Water filters
 - Boil tap water even if it is filtered. Most kitchen and other household water filters typically do not remove bacteria or viruses.