



BOIL WATER ADVISORY (BWA)

At this time, a Boil Water Advisory is in effect. This means water must be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute before use OR use an alternate water source (e.g. commercially bottled water) for any of the following examples:

- Drinking,
- brushing teeth,
- making infant formula, ice, tea, coffee, drink mixes, puddings, jellos, etc.,
- washing fruits or vegetables.

* Do not use auto-shutoff kettles or coffee makers because they may not reach a boil time of one minute*

How to wash dishes:

- Household dishwashers to be run on sanitize mode.
- If washing dishes by hand:
 - wash dishes with soap and hot water
 - rinse dishes with hot water
 - sanitize dishes by submerging in hot water mixed with unscented household bleach (1/2 tsp of bleach per 1 L of water). Allow to soak for 1 minute and let air dry.
- Alternate: use single-use disposable dishes/utensils.

How to wash hands:

- Wash as normal using tap water and a proper handwashing technique.
- After washing hands, use an alcohol-based hand gel disinfectant containing at least 70% alcohol.

How to bathe:

- Adults, adolescents, and older children may shower, bathe, or wash using tap water, but should avoid swallowing the water.
- Infants, toddlers and immunocompromised individuals should be sponge bathed in order to reduce the chance of them swallowing the water.

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