

WARNING BOIL ORDER NOTICE BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

The **Jaffrey Water System** is contaminated with: **E. Coli Bacteria**.

The Bacteria was found in the water system from samples collected on: Mon. Sept. 13, 2021,

The **Jaffrey Water Department** is in consultation with the **NH DES** & is aggressively investigating the **cause of this contamination.**

We are currently taking additional samples in the affected area and the chlorine dosage has also been increased.

The area affected by this Boil Order includes everything west of Highland Ave: Highland Ave., Prospect St., Main St (west of Prospect St.), Matchpoint Rd., Sawtelle Rd, Harkness Rd, Cutter Hill Rd., Bryant Road, Parsons Lane, Jaffrey Center, Thorndike Pond Road, Blackberry Lane, First Tavern Rd., Gilmore Pond Rd. Sandy Lane, Southerly from Main St. to Heath Rd., Dublin Rd., & Mountain Rd., Mark St.

This problem is isolated to this area of town only. If you live in this general area, the boil order affects you. In addition to additional testing, we have boosted the dosage of chlorine added to our system.

These bacteria can make you sick and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

1. Bring all water to a boil	2. Let it boil vigorously for 2 minutes
3. Let water cool before using	4. Or use bottled water

Pre-boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, brushing teeth, washing vegetables, washing dishes, making infant formula, all food preparation and consumption, and making or using ice until further notice. See DES fact sheet WD-DWGB-4-12 "Frequently Asked Questions About Boil Orders" for more information.

<https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/dwgb-4-12.pdf> General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

What Happened? Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

What Does This Mean? E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these waters can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly and people with severely compromised immune systems. The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Steps We Are Taking: We are completing aggressive follow-up sampling and have increased the amount of chlorine being added to our system and are flushing the system.

How Long Will the Boil Order Remain in Effect? We anticipate resolving the resolving the problem within the next few days. The Boil Order will remain in effect until lifted by the NH DES.

This advisory will remain in effect until additional samples no longer show the presence of the bacteria. You will be notified when the water quality problem is corrected. Until that time, the water should be boiled as described above.

Please share this information with all the 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.

Please contact for more information:

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