

WATER QUALITY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Boiling Water under an Advisory/Agua hirviendo bajo un aviso

Residents and businesses in the affected area are urged to use boiled or bottled water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, preparing food and giving to pets until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms that may be present in the water. Some water filters do not protect against bacteria, so customers with filters are advised to contact the manufacturer for more information or boil their tap water. The water is safe for bathing and doing laundry.

Residents may purify the water by using one of several methods.

Disinfection instructions are as follows:

A. If water does not appear to be clear, strain through a clean cloth into a container to remove any sediment or floating matter. If water is clear, omit this step.

B. Disinfection by heat:

1. Boil the water vigorously for at least one minute.
2. After allowing the water to cool, it is ready to use. If desired, a pinch of salt added to each quart of water or pouring it back and forth from one clean container to another several times will improve the taste

C. Chemical Disinfection:

Use common liquid chlorine laundry bleach. Read the label to find the percentage of available chlorine and then follow the table below:

Available Chlorine	Drops to be added per quart of water for Clear Water	Drops to be added per Quart of water for Cloudy Water
4 to 6 %	2	4
7 to 10%	1	2
Unknown	10	20

1. Mix thoroughly by stirring or shaking water in container.
2. Let stand for 30 minutes.
3. A slight chlorine odor should be detectable in the water. If not, repeat the dosage and let stand an additional 15 minutes before using.
4. Water is now safe for use.

Residents are urged to tell their neighbors about this situation who may not receive this message.

Information can also be found at www.bjwsa.org/quality.

Recomendaciones para el uso del agua hervida:

La ciudad y la provincia han recomendado hervir el agua de uso doméstico en Beaufort County.

El agua debe hervirse durante al menos un minuto.

Si hay menores en casa, evite utilizar los quemadores o fogones delanteros de la estufa para disminuir el riesgo de quemaduras o escaldaduras. Llene la olla con suficiente agua de manera que sea seguro movilizarla y así evitar salpicaduras o derrames.

Elimine el hielo hecho previamente y desinfecte las bandejas de los cubitos de hielo.

Para hacer nuevo hielo, utilice el agua enfriada que ha sido previamente hervida.

Hierva el agua para:

- Beber
- Cocinar
- Preparar formula para bebés
- Hacer hielo
- Lavar frutas y vegetales
- Cepillarse los dientes
- Mascotas

El agua de la llave es segura para bañarse.



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