

WARNING



DO NOT DRINK THE WATER
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Unapproved Groundwater Source With Unknown Water Quality In Use:

Westport School Administration in Westport, Massachusetts.
[Name of Public Water System]

The public water system is connected to a groundwater source that has not been approved by MassDEP for potable water use. This groundwater source has unknown water quality and could pose unacceptable public health risks.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- **USE BOTTLED WATER** for drinking, food preparation, mixing baby formula, making ice, washing food, manual utensil and equipment washing, rinsing and sanitizing, brushing teeth or any other activity involving the consumption of water.
- Discard any ice, beverages, formula, and uncooked foods that were prepared with water from the public water system on or after 5/6/2024 [date of fecal indicator detection].
- Disconnect any beverage or ice making units directly fed with water from the public water system.
- Prepare food and beverages with bottled water.
- Wash dishes with bottled water.
- Use bottled water and hand sanitizer for hand washing, tooth brushing and other sanitary purposes.
- People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water in general from their health care provider.

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, visitors or employees) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

After the situation has been resolved, and MassDEP determines that the water is fit to drink:

- Flush bubblers, ice/beverage machines, water dispensers and all faucets prior to using. Run cold water faucets for at least 5 minutes.
- Equipment with waterline connections such as post-mix beverage machines, spray misters, coffee or tea urns, ice machines, glass washers, dishwashers, and other equipment with water connections should be flushed, cleaned, and sanitized in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.

Possible Health Effects

Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms or other contaminants. While fecal indicators are not typically harmful when ingested, fecal indicators are microbes whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes 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. These symptoms 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.

STEPS WE ARE TAKING

We are taking the following actions and are in contact with MassDEP who will evaluate the effectiveness of the steps taken to see if any further action is required.

{Check all that apply}

- We are chlorinating and flushing the water system. A slight color and odor may appear in the water as a result of the addition of chlorine.
- We are repairing the storage tank.
- We are investigating the source of contamination.
- We are repairing the wellhead.
- We are collecting repeat samples.
- We are temporarily providing an alternate source of water.
- We have shut down the well(s) temporarily.
- We are providing bulk water purchased from another state approved public water supply source
- Other action(s): The faulty water heater will be replaced and the system will be

chlorinated, flushed, and sampled for bacteria.

We anticipate resolving the problem as soon as possible and will inform you when you resume using the water for drinking.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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