

BOIL WATER NOTICE

E. coli bacteria found in City of Poughkeepsie, NY water

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using. Or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

This Boil Water Notice applies to All customers in the City of Poughkeepsie.

What Happened ?

E. coli bacteria were found in the drinking water sample on Monday, July 8, 2013. The New York State Department of Health considers any confirmed *E. coli* positive sample as a public health hazard and a violation of drinking water standards.

The presence of Escherichia coli (E. coli) bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Harmful microbes in these wastes, including E. coli, can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. These may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by harmful microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.

What is being done ?

The City of Poughkeepsie has conducted major flushing to move freshly chlorinated water through the City water distribution system. Sampling is being conducted to lift this notice. All sample data will be reported to the Dutchess County Department of Health.

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next 2-3 days until the problem is fixed. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact:

The City of Poughkeepsie at (845) 451-4170
or the Dutchess County Department of Health at (845) 486-3404.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get 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.