

BOIL WATER NOTICE

Inadequate disinfection for **Walton Lake Estates** water system

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.

What Happened?

Quarterly surveillance monitoring showed inadequate disinfection of your drinking water. Disinfection is used to destroy harmful microbes that can be in drinking water.

Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and 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 microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.

What is being done?

The operator has been contacted, disinfection will be increased/restored and two consecutive days of coliform samples must be collected to confirm the absence of bacteria prior to lifting the boil water order.

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next few 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 about boil water events and using water for bathing, cooking, cleaning and other uses during these times see: www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/boilwater/

If you have additional questions, please contact:

Your water supplier at: Town of Chester Water Department at 845-469-7000, ext 322

OR the Orange County Department of Health at 845-291-2331.

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.