

BOIL WATER ORDER

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CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS ADVISORY COULD RESULT IN STOMACH OR INTESTINAL ILLNESS.

Line breaks and power outages have caused a loss of pressure and/or water supply in portions of the water distribution system. The California Department of Health Services and the Casitas Municipal Water District are advising Casitas' customers from the Santa Barbara county line to Solimar beach (including La Conchita, Mussel Shoals, Sea Cliff and Faria) to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution.

WHEN WATER SERVICE IS RESTORED ALL TAP WATER USED FOR DRINKING AND COOKING SHOULD BE BOILED TO A ROLLING BOIL FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) MINUTE. THIS IS THE PREFERRED METHOD TO ASSURE THAT THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK. CONTINUE TO BOIL ALL TAP WATER USED UNTIL NOTIFIED OTHERWISE BY THE CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT.

An alternative method of purification for residents who do not have gas or electricity available is to use fresh liquid non-scented household bleach (Chlorox, Purex, etc.). To do so, mix in eight (8) drops (or ¼ teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of water, and allow to stand for 30 minutes before using. **Be sure to mix thoroughly.** If the water looks cloudy or dirty, you should not drink it.

A chlorine-like taste and odor will result from this purification procedure and is an indication that adequate disinfection has taken place.

Water purification tablets may also be used by following the manufacturers' instructions.

Water treatment, and water quality testing will be conducted by the Water Company as soon as the water supply is restored. The Casitas Municipal Water District will notify residents as soon as the water supply is safe to drink without applying the above treatment measures (boiling).

For more information call:

Casitas Municipal Water District: 649-2251

California Department of Health Services: 566-1326