



# Clinton County Health Department

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## BOIL WATER INSTRUCTIONS

State and Local Health authorities recommend that consumers take the following precautions:

- (1) Water used for drinking, making ice, as an additive, mixer for all foods and preparing food should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute prior to use.
- (2) Another alternative is to drink bottled water, certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health.
- (3) Water used to rinse dishes should have two (2) teaspoons of 5% liquid bleach per gallon of water for proper disinfection.
- (4) You do not need to take special precautions with recipes in which water is normally boiled; i.e., spaghetti, etc....
- (5) Coffee and tea can be made safely with your water when you boil the water during preparation.
- (6) You can safely use your water for bathing and washing clothes.
- (7) Water can be used for gardening provided fruits and vegetables are washed with boiled water or water from an approved source before consumption.
- (8) Household pets can continue drinking the water since they are usually more tolerant of bacteria. If you have any questions, you should call your pet's veterinarian.
- (9) This advisory applies to all drinking water, drinking fountains and other water sources in offices and other places of business also under the advisory.
- (10) Owners of fish in aquariums should consult their pet store because of the extra chlorine being added to your water.
- (11) The Boil Water Order covers your water system only.
- (12) Individuals who have symptoms of illness may wish to seek medical attention. Please take the above steps to protect your health until further notice.



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