Boil-water notice

Follow the notice from your water utility or health department.

1. **Use bottled water or boiled tap water** for drinking, cooking, preparing food, and brushing teeth.[1]
2. **Boil: a full rolling boil for 1 minute.** Above 6,500 feet, boil for 3 minutes. Let it cool before use.[1]
3. **Boil it even if you filter it**, including home filters and filter pitchers.[1]
4. **Bathing:** don't swallow the water. For babies and young children, consider a sponge bath.[1]
5. **Dishes:** use disposable plates if you can. A dishwasher is generally fine if it has a sanitizing cycle or a final rinse of at least 150°F.[1]
6. **Handwashing:** in many cases tap water and soap are fine. Follow your local officials' notice.[1]
7. **Feeding a baby?** Read CDC's advisory page or ask your pediatrician about formula before you mix it.[1]

Don't: boil water if the notice says **"Do not drink"** or **"Do not use."** Boiling does not remove chemicals or toxins. Use bottled water.[1]

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Sources

1. CDC: Drinking Water Advisories: An Overview

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