

August 29, 2021

# BOIL WATER ADVISORY

BARNESVILLE'S WATER MAY BE CONTAMINATED DUE TO LOSS OF PRESSURE.

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE DRINKING OR FOOD PREPARATION TO AVOID GETTING SICK.

## What should I do?

Do not drink, brush teeth, or cook with tap water without boiling it first. Or use a safe alternative such as bottled water.

- Bring all water to a rolling boil for one (1) minute.
- Let water cool before drinking.
- Use boiled or bottled water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, and food preparation **until further notice**.
- Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in water.



## What happened?

On Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:50 pm we experienced a loss of pressure in our water system due to a lighting strike in the area. A loss of water pressure means that contamination could have entered our drinking water distribution system. There is an increased chance that the drinking water may contain bacteria that could make you sick.

## What are we doing?

Minnesota Department of Health officials will be onsite to test samples Monday morning. We will let you know when tests show the water is safe to drink and you no longer need to boil your water. We expect to have this resolved by Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## What may be the health effects?

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

If you are concerned about your health or the health of a family member, contact your health care provider.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received 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.

## For more information

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