

Boil Water Advisory

Handwashing Station Requirements

When a fecal indicator is found in water that is an indication that the current water treatment is not effectively removing harmful waterborne microorganisms from the water. To safely use the water in your area for handwashing, follow these guidelines.



Potable Clean Water

Use treated or bottled water with a constant flow for washing with two hands



Coolers or Jugs

Use clean coolers or jugs with freeflow spigot and a catch basin



Soap & Paper Towels

Use single-use, disposable towels for drying hands. Have a trash can available

Cleaning a Water Jug

- Sanitize with 2 tbsp of unscented bleach in 1 gallon of water – Slosh to cover all surfaces.
- 2. Let stand 5 minutes and drain. Do not rinse.
- 3. Fill with potable water.

Alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used after washing as an added layer of protection

For more details, see Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Drinking Water Advisory Communication Toolbox, which can be found at go.ncsu.edu/cdcwateradvisory

For questions and specific information, contact your local Environmental Health Department | Updated 8.2.21

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