

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS
of the Goochland Courthouse Water System WATERWORKS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

BOIL YOUR TAP WATER

Failure to follow this advisory could result in stomach or intestinal illness.

The Virginia Department of Health in conjunction with Goochland Courthouse Water System are advising residents to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution. This precaution is necessary because of the occurrences of watermain breaks at the waterworks observed on February 17, 2026, and the likelihood of the presence of *E. coli* in the drinking water. A communications utility contractor damaged the watermain within the Gathright Drive and Scott Road Intersection while performing work in the area. The watermain required depressurization in order for Goochland County Department of Public Utilities to perform the repair. Out of an abundance of caution, this precautionary boil water advisory is being issued to protect residents while water quality testing takes place to ensure no contamination has occurred during repair efforts.

E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely-compromised immune systems.

DO NOT DRINK TAP WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST

Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, beverage and food preparation, and making ice **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Boiling is the preferred method to assure that the tap water is safe to drink. Bring all tap water to a rolling boil, **let it boil for one minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water.

If you cannot boil your tap water....

- An alternative method of purification for residents that do not have gas or electricity available is to use liquid household bleach to disinfect water. The bleach product should be recently purchased, free of additives and scents, and should contain a hypochlorite solution of at least 5.25%. Public health officials recommend adding 8 drops of bleach (about ¼ teaspoon) to each gallon of water. The water should be stirred and allowed to stand for at least 30 minutes before use.
- Water purification tablets may also be used by following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Potable water is available for effected residents, upon request, by calling the Department of Public Utilities: (804) 556-5835

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water. To address this problem, we are repairing the watermain break and will perform water quality testing. Water quality testing will take a minimum of 48 hours to complete.

For more information, please contact the Department of Public Utilities at (804) 556-5835 or 1800 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, Virginia 23063.

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.

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