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Recommendations for Areas Under a Boil Water Notice

Drinking Water:

Many of the public water supply systems are still without power and are running on generators. If your area is under a boil water notice, please be sure to follow the boil water instructions below before drinking tap water, preparing baby formula, preparing food to be cooked, washing your hands or dishes, brushing your teeth, or making ice.

To make your water safe, it is very important that you use one of the following methods to sterilize your water:

- Boiling. Boil water for one - two minutes after it reaches a full rolling boil.
- Chlorine Bleach. Use only unscented liquid chlorine bleach. If water is clear, add 1/8 of a teaspoon per gallon. If water is cloudy, add 1/4 of a teaspoon per gallon of water. Mix well and let stand 30 minutes before using.
- Purification Tablets. These are available at drug stores or camping outlets. Follow the directions on the package. If tablets are over a year old, replace them or throw them away.
- Bottled water. Use only water from bottles that have a sealed top.

Sewage:

Many wastewater plants are also running on generator power. As a result, the water collection lines (lift stations) aren't able to get the sewage to the wastewater plants. Residents can help keep sewage from backing into their homes by limiting the amount of water going down the drain.