

DRINKING WATER ORDER

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

What happened?

THE BOIL ORDER IS IN EFFECT FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS.

Our water system recently detected Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria. As our customers you have the right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

Kamas City Water was notified by the health department on May 25, 2023, that a sample taken within our system came back E. Coli positive. We took repeat samples that same day and that same sample came back E. Coli positive as well as a sample that showed positive for total Coliform on May 26, 2023. After we were notified, we have been in contact with the Division of Drinking Water and Summit County Health Department and are putting this Order in effect until we are able to fix the problem that has occurred.

We take your health and the quality of our drinking water very seriously and we need to inform each of you of the situation. Since we do not collect Total Coliform and E. coli samples every day, we wanted to let you be aware of the risk. Below is more information about the health impacts of E. coli found in drinking water. Please contact us if you have additional questions. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

What is being done?

Bacterial contamination can occur when (homeowners connect untreated secondary irrigation water to the drinking water line causing a cross connection contamination, due to a break in the distribution system (pipes), a failure in the water treatment process, etc.). Our water operators are working hard at determining the issues.

We are taking the following corrective actions.

1. We are chlorinating and flushing the water system.
2. We are looking for possible cross connection issues from illegal secondary water hookups.
3. We are increasing sampling for coliform bacteria to determine the source of the contamination.
4. We will be working with the Division of Drinking Water to complete a Level 2 Assessment in the coming weeks.
5. We are taking samples for coliform daily so we know when the issue has been resolved at which time we will notify the public of when the order can be lifted.

What should the consumer do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water

should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- *E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

For more information, please contact any of the following:

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General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791 Division website: drinkingwater.utah.gov.

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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