



## **Precautionary boil water advisory issued by Toho Water Authority**

As a precautionary measure once water is restored customers should boil their water prior to consumption (drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth or washing dishes). A vigorous boil for one minute is adequate to render water bacteriologically safe for drinking. As an alternative bottled water may be used.

Under a precautionary boil water advisory, water used for consumption can be disinfected by any one of the following methods:

- Bringing the water to a rolling boil and holding it there for one (1) minute.
- Using a disinfecting chemical. If you cannot boil water, you should put eight (8) drops of common household bleach which is about 1/8th teaspoon, into one (1) gallon of tap water, then shake it, and allow it to stand for 30 minutes before drinking. If the water is cloudy, use sixteen (16) drops, about 1/4th teaspoon of bleach instead of 8, shake it, and let it stand for 30 minutes. There should be a slight chlorine odor. Use common household bleach that has 5% to 6% active ingredients. Use food grade containers. Do not use bleach that has perfume scents added.
- Using water purification tablets or iodine that many sports and camping stores sell.
- You can also buy commercial bottled water for consumption and food preparation.

Tap water may be used for showering, baths, shaving and washing. Children and disabled individuals should have their baths supervised to ensure water is not ingested. Though the risk of illness is minimal, individuals who have recent surgical wounds, are immunosuppressed, or have a chronic illness

may want to consider using bottled or boiled water for cleansing until the notice is lifted.

For more information, contact Toho Water Authority's customer service center at 407-944-5000.