

Why are Precautionary Boil Water Notices Issued?

Precautionary Boil Water Notices may be issued because the water system loss of power, loss of water pressure, a water main break or another unforeseen emergency. Water pressure keeps pollutants from entering the underground pipes that bring drinking water to your house or business. The notice does not mean the water is contaminated, it means it is possible that contaminants seeped into the pipes and affected the drinking water. Until bacteriological testing is completed, we recommend, as a precaution, boiling water before consuming it to kill any potential contaminants (or by using bottled water).

How is the public notified?

Typically, Precautionary Boil Water Notice areas are isolated and affect only a small number of customers. In these cases, a door hanger is delivered directly to the customers. The information will also be provided on the City of Tarpon Springs website and social media pages.

Businesses:

Businesses and non-residential sites should take steps such as posting notices at or disabling water fountains and ice machines during the Precautionary Boil Water Notice. If you provide water to visitors, customers, or employees, use commercially produced bottled water for drinking or beverage preparation (coffee). Food service operations have additional requirements from their regulatory agency.

When will the Precautionary Boil Water Notice be lifted?

After the water system is repaired, and the pressure is restored in the pipes to your home or business, the Precautionary Boil Water Notice will remain in effect while bacteriological tests are conducted to assure the safety of the water. The notice will be lifted (rescinded) only after the required testing proves the water is safe to drink. The rescission will be delivered the same way the original notice was.