



What to Do After a Boil Water Notice Has Been Rescinded



1. FLUSH WATER

- Unscrew and remove the faucet aerator (screen)
- Turn on each cold water faucet/tap slowly
- Run cold water for five minutes
- Clean and reinstall aerator

2. HOT WATER TANKS

- Run hot water only at all faucets until water runs cool or typically for a minimum of:
 - 15 minutes for a typical household 40-gallon hot water tank
 - 30 minutes for a hot water tank greater than 40 gallons
- Hot water is then safe to use for washing of dishes, etc.

3. REPLACE FILTERS

Water filters that are commonly used in refrigerators, faucets, pitchers, under the sink, and the whole house, etc. are not designed to remove the specific bacteria potentially present during a boil water advisory. If you ran water through your filter during the boil water notice, the filter could be contaminated.

- Remove and discard water filters
- Replace with a new filter following flushing

Note: If you cannot flush or run water when filter is removed, replace with new filter after flushing. Always follow manufacturer's directions for filter replacement.

4. CHECK APPLIANCES/DEVICES

Always read and follow the owner's manual for directions to clean and flush all appliances that use water.

Dishwashers

- After flushing hot water pipes and water heater, run empty dishwasher one time on the hottest or 'sanitize' cycle.

Refrigerators/Freezers

Always follow filter replacement recommendations above.

- For refrigerators without filters, flush water dispensers by running at least one quart of water. If unsure of your dispenser's capacity, refer to manufacturer specifications.
- Flush home automatic ice makers. Make three batches of ice cubes and discard all three batches.

Water Softeners

- Run water softeners through a full regeneration (flush) cycle.

CPAP Machines

If you used contaminated water during the boil water advisory in nebulizers, Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machines, oral, medical, or health care devices, take the following actions:

- Discard any water used in the devices listed above.
 - Rinse the device with clean water and sanitize.
 - If your humidifier has a filter, sanitize the humidifier and replace the filter.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when you use bleach or any other cleaning product.
 - Sterile water should be used for CPAP machines and nebulizers. Follow manufacturer's directions.

The District does not reimburse filter replacements or expenses incurred during a Boil Water Notice.