

Dear Property Owner,

The Village of Kelley's Island records indicate that the water service line was disconnected for the winter. The Village will be installing the water meter on your service connection per your request. We would like to make sure you adequately flush your water lines before use.

The seasonal removal and installation of water meters may cause changes in water quality.

When water service is restored, perform a full-house flush by letting the cold water run on all the taps in your house run for 30 minutes to flush out any lead and/or sediment from your line. Then if may begin using your water filters certified to remove lead for all water used for drinking and cooking.

As a standard practice, the USEPA recommends the following actions to reduce possible lead exposure in drinking water:

- **If water has not been used for several hours, run the tap until there is a noticeable temperature drop. Then, run water for 30 seconds to 3 minutes before using it for drinking and cooking.** This helps flush out water that may have any contaminants from sitting over the winter.
- **Use cold water for cooking, drinking, and preparing baby formula.** Boiling the water until the total coliform test results are in.
- **Clean your faucet aerator regularly.** Small particles of solder and other material can accumulate in faucet aerators and can release lead into the water in some circumstances. Cleaning the accumulated particles from the aerator will help eliminate this potential source of lead.
- **Identify if your plumbing fixtures contain lead and consider replacing them when appropriate.**

For more information about lead in drinking water, please contact Brandon Evans or visit the USEPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at (800) 424-LEAD, or contact the Erie County Health Department at 419-626-5623 ext 115.

The Village will collect a sample that is representative of the water in the service line for analysis of bacteria content after installation of the water meter. Please call the Water department once you have completed a whole house flush and water has sat in your lines for at least 24 hours. To collect this sample, the Village is asking you for assistance.

The Village will provide the results of this sample as soon as possible.

Brandon Evans

DRINKING WATER WARNING

The Village of Kelleys Island water is issuing a Precautionary Boil Advisory

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

From the winter meter removal it is possible that *E. coli* bacteria is in your water lines. These bacteria can make you sick and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. Therefore, the village is issuing a Precautionary Boil Advisory for anyone who had their water meter removed over the winter. We are also working on changing the water meter winterization procedure for the future.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for at least 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. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, 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.

What happened? What is being done?

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It also can happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

For more information, please contact Brandon Evans at 419-746-2555 or bevans_water@outlook.com

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.

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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