

# Boil Water Advisory in effect for the Town of Yankeetown

## What Residents Need to Know

A Boil Water Advisory is a public health recommendation issued when there is a possibility that the local water supply may be contaminated with bacteria or other pathogens. Even though the water main break in Yankeetown has been repaired and water service has been restored, the town is now under a boil water advisory to ensure the safety of all residents.

### What Is a Boil Water Advisory?

A boil water advisory means that, until further notice, residents are advised to boil all tap water before using it for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth, or washing food. Boiling water kills bacteria and other microorganisms that may be present, reducing the risk of illness.

### Why Is This Advisory Issued?

When a water main breaks and repairs are made, there is a chance that contaminants have entered the water supply. Even after repairs, it can take time to confirm through testing that the water is safe. The advisory is a precautionary step to protect public health.

### What Should Residents Do?

- Bring tap water to a rolling boil for at least one minute before using it for drinking, cooking, making baby formula, or brushing teeth.
- Let the boiled water cool before using or storing it in clean, covered containers.
- Use boiled or bottled water for food preparation and washing fruits and vegetables.
- It is generally safe to use tap water for bathing and showering, but avoid swallowing water.

### How Long Will the Advisory Last?

The advisory will remain in effect until water quality tests confirm that the water is safe to use without boiling. Updates will be provided by the Yankeetown Town Administration as soon as more information becomes available.

### Why Is This Important?

Following the boil water advisory helps keep you and your family safe from potential waterborne illnesses. Your cooperation is essential until the advisory is officially lifted.

If you have any questions, contact the Yankeetown Town Administration for further details or guidance.