

## **Why do I have to boil my water?**

A "Boil Water Order" is issued as a preventative measure. We issue a boil order if there is a possibility of contamination in the drinking water system. Contamination may be due to equipment failure, leaking pipes in the system, loss of water pressure or insufficient disinfectant in the water supply.

## **Why are boil orders happening more often?**

State and federal laws have become very strict to protect public drinking water supplies. Laws now require us to issue Boil orders any time our water pressure drops below 20 psi and for the reasons stated above. This is a precautionary measure and will likely occur anytime we lose power for extended periods of time. It is suggested to always keep several gallons of water on hand for drinking at all times and frequently rotate these gallons with fresh water.

## **What should I do?**

You should boil, for at least five minutes, any water you are going to consume for drinking, washing vegetables, brushing teeth or making ice.

## **What about cooking and washing?**

If you are going to boil the water while cooking, prior boiling is not necessary. It is not necessary to boil water for washing clothes, dishes or bathing. Small children should be monitored so they don't get bath water in their mouths while bathing.

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## **How long will the Boil Order Last?**

The boil order must remain in effect until we have lab results from our testing lab and certification from the State of Maine Drinking Water program allowing us to lift the boil order. These tests take at least 24 hours from the time the samples are dropped off and could go longer.

## **How do I find out about boil orders and when they are over?**

Notices for will be posted on our website: <http://www.mainemobilehomes.com/resident.html> and at the mailboxes and Main Entrance.

