

DRINKING WATER WARNING

***E. coli* is present in Goose Bay Estates, Aspen Ridge Subdivision, Valley View Subdivision, and Shotgun Cherokee Subdivision's Water**

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

E. coli bacteria were found in the water supply on by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) during multiple onsite evaluations and sample collection events. These bacteria can make you sick and are especially a concern for people with weakened immune systems.

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

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for 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 waste. 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 from their healthcare providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

DEQ is continuing to evaluate the situation and attempting to return Island Park Water Company to compliance with the Rules for Idaho Public Drinking Water Systems

This notice is on-going until DEQ informs you when tests show no bacteria are present and you no longer need to boil your water.

Contact Information:

Island Park Water Company at (208) 521-2369 or water.ida.water@gmail.com
DEQ Idaho Falls Regional Office at (208) 528-2650 or Kelsey.Carter@deq.idaho.gov

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms 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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