



TOWN OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND TOWN CENTER

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DRINKING WATER WARNING **BOIL WATER NOTICE** **AND SYSTEM UPDATE –** **Richmond Village, Vermont** **June 10, 2015** **6:00 AM**

A significant water main break at Farr Circle has drained the Richmond water system's water storage tanks. Due to this system failure and the amount of time it will take to complete the repairs this Boil notice has been issued. The information below describes the Boil Water Notice and what you can do.

What should I do?

- **Conserve water whenever possible** so that we can refill tank volume and achieve water pressure.
- If you are on Town of Richmond water **DO NOT DRINK TAP WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms which may be present in your tap water. Bring tap water to a boil for a full minute and let it cool before using. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**.
- Do not use water or ice from refrigerator ice makers or other devices which are directly connected to your home's plumbing system. There should be no problem with using clothes washers and dishwashers.
- Keep tap water out of eyes, nose and mouth. Hand washing and bathing is okay, but take particular care that children do not drink water while bathing or showering.
- People with compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.
- Restaurants may remain open as long as they boil water used in food preparation and use sanitary methods to clean dishes. Unboiled water may not be served for drinking or used to make beverages. Richmond's restaurants hold high standards for cleanliness and should be able to meet these requirements.
- Schools may also be opened provided that they take the same precautionary measures as food establishments. Water fountains must be closed or turned off.

What happened? What is being done?

This Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until the water system maintenance/repair is complete and we are able to demonstrate that the quality and quantity of the drinking water meets State and Federal drinking water standards.

Our current plan of action is to isolate the leak, repair, at the same time refill the system from our well. The system will be chlorinated and tested to ensure it is free of harmful bacteria.

The Fire Department is able to access alternative water sources to keep their tanks charged to fight fires. If necessary other fire companies will be called in to assist. The Town of Richmond is dedicated to maintaining its high level of firefighting ability through this crisis.

We will inform you when the repairs are complete and tests confirm no bacteria in the town drinking water supply. **We estimate that water pressure will be restored by June 11, 2015, and the boil notice lifted June 12, 2015.**

For more information, please contact Geoffrey Urbanik at 802-434-5170. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the Vermont Water Supply Division at (800) 823-6500.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors who use Richmond town water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can help by posting this notice in a public place or by distributing copies by hand or mail.

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