

Platte County Health Department

Boil Water Order Instructions for Homeowners

A Boil Water Order has been issued in your area. All residents must continue to boil or treat water until the supply has been made safe.

Drinking water may be treated by one of the following methods:

1. Boil water for three (3) minutes in a clean container. The flat taste can be eliminated by shaking the water in a bottle or by pouring it back and forth from one container to another.
2. Mix one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) teaspoon of liquid, unscented chlorine laundry bleach with two-and-one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) gallons of water, and let stand for at least thirty minutes before drinking.

Water must be treated or boiled for the following:

- Tooth brushing
- Drinking
- Cooking
- Washing raw fruits and vegetables
- Bathing babies. Make sure the water is sufficiently cool before immersing the baby.
- Handwashing
- Washing and cleaning of cooking and eating utensils, OR
 - Eating and cooking utensils may be washed using unboiled water and then disinfected by immersing them for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of liquid, unscented household chlorine bleach per gallon of water.
- Ice – dispose of ice cubes and remake ice with water that has been boiled.
- Cleaning or soaking open wounds
- Cleaning of medical equipment
- Use in room humidifiers



Untreated clear water may be used for:

- Bathing, except for babies
- Laundry
- Flushing toilets

If you have questions concerning health related issues, contact the Platte County Health Department at (816) 858-2412.

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