

# DRINKING WATER - BOIL WATER ADVISORY

**City of Ely water may be contaminated due to loss of pressure.**

## **What should you do?**

**Do not drink water before boiling it or use a safe alternative source.**

Bring all water to a full, rolling boil, let it boil for one minute or longer, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in water.

A safe alternative source includes bottled water.

After the system has restored pressure and lifted the advisory, its recommended consumers flush their building plumbing systems.

## **What may be the health effects?**

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, it is recommended you seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water.

## **What happened? What is being done?**

On September 10, 2024 we experienced a Water Main Break below the Water Tower and the water was shut off to the town. There is an increased chance that the drinking water may contain bacteria that could make you sick. The affected area includes all of the City of Ely Drinking Water. We are taking the following steps to correct the problem: as of 12:20am the City of Ely Crews are flushing hydrants and will be taking samples of the water. We will let you know when tests show the water is safe to drink and you no longer need to boil your water.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water and who may not have received this notice directly (people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, businesses, etc.). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

## **For more information**

For more information, please contact Ely Utilities at 218-365-3224 Ext 4 or the Clerk's Office at Ext 1. Or the City of Ely, Minnesota Facebook Page. Do not call 911.

Please refer to: [Community Drinking Water Advisory Guidance \(PDF\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/com/dwaguidance.pdf)  
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You can also call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791 for general guidelines regarding water quality safety.

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