



DRINKING WATER WARNING

The City of Sturgis drinking water system lost pressure and contamination may have occurred

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Due to a drop in pressure in the City of Sturgis water supply, bacterial contamination may have occurred in the water system. Bacteria are generally not harmful and are common throughout our environment. Corrective measures are currently being undertaken to correct the situation.

What should I do?

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 preparing food. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Continue using boiled or bottled water until further notice.

What happened? What is being done?

These precautionary actions are being taken due to the loss of water pressure in the water distribution system caused by a water main break. The area involved includes the following streets:

- **Neuman St.** from N. Centerville Rd. to Second St.
- **First St.** from Neuman St. to West St.
- **Second St.** from Neuman St. to West St.

Citizens living within this area only, are included in the warning. The loss of pressure in the water distribution system occurred when valves were closed to isolate the broken section of main so repairs could be made. Whenever a water system loses pressure for any significant length of time, precautionary measures are recommended.

The City of Sturgis is working to get pressure restored, and water staff will be taking other remedial actions such as flushing and collecting bacteriological samples from around the system. The samples will be collected to determine that the water quality meets the state drinking water standards. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water.

This boil water notice shall remain in effect until results from the sampling verify the water is safe to drink. **Customers will be advised when the boil water advisory has been lifted.**

For more information, please contact Rick Miller, City of Sturgis Director of Public Services at 269-651-2879 or 269-625-7070 General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.