

DRINKING WATER WARNING
BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

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The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority May Be At Increased Risk From Microbial Contamination.

We routinely monitor the conditions in the distribution system. On October 17, 2020, at approximately 11:00 a.m., PWSA experienced a loss of positive water pressure due to a temporary sensor failure at the Garfield Tank caused by damage during T-Mobile construction work. This damage resulted in low and no water pressure for localized customers in the Stanton Heights and Garfield neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh. The return water service began at approximately 1:30 p.m. on October 17, 2020.

A loss of positive water pressure is a signal of the existence of conditions that could allow contamination to enter the distribution system through back-flow by back-pressure or back-siphonage. As a result, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

What should I do?

Until further notice, customers who live in the impacted areas should take the following steps before using tap water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation:

1. **Flush your water tap by running water for 1 minute or longer, then**
2. **Boil water for 1 minute, and let it cool before consumption.**

Flushing water brings in fresh water from the main and boiling fresh water kills any bacteria and other organisms that can enter the water.

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.

These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

People with severely 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.

What happened? What is being done?

PWSA restored pressure at approximately 1:30 p.m. on October 17, 2020. PWSA will also begin to conduct testing to confirm adequate disinfectant levels and verify that the water is safe to consume.

For more information, please contact: PWSA Customer Service/Dispatch at 412-255-2423

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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