

BOIL WATER NOTICE

City of Klawock

Public Water System ID: AK2120169

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Drinking Water Program has issued this boil water notice (BWN) for the City of Klawock public water system because DEC has been notified that the water may not have been adequately treated.

Why did this happen?

This Boil Water notice is being issued due to low chlorine residual levels in our water. The low chlorine levels are a result of problems with the water storage tank. Low chlorine residual levels reduce the effectiveness of our water treatment, which can increase the risk for our water to contain disease-causing organisms such as bacteria, viruses, and parasites.

What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for two minutes, 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 food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- *Fecal coliform and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk 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 is being done?

The City of Klawock water system operator is working to restore the normal operation of the water storage tank. Once operating normally, total coliform bacteria samples will be collected from the distribution system to verify that the water is safe to drink. If there are any further problems with our water, you will be notified. Otherwise, no further action is needed at this time. For more information, please contact the City office at (907) 775-2261 or DEC at (907) 262-3423.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Klawock, in conjunction with DEC.

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