

# DRINKING WATER WARNING!

NE 5<sup>th</sup>, NE Eads from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, NE Douglas from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>  
Your water could be contaminated with potentially harmful bacteria!

## BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING!

Due to loss of water pressure in the distribution system on (date): Dec. 10 2013, potentially harmful bacteria could be present in the water supply. These bacteria could make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

### What should I do?

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

*Potentially harmful bacteria include fecal coliforms and E. coli, which 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.

### What happened? What is being done?

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

What the City is doing: There was a water main break at NE 5<sup>th</sup>/Eads and the city depressurized the system in that area. According to State regulations, the City is required to send this notice to the above affected areas. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 24 to 48 hours.

For more information, please contact Public Works at 541-574-3366. 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 or the Oregon Department of Human Services, Drinking Water Program, at (971) 673-0405.

*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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