

THIS IS PRECAUTIONARY – THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF WATER CONTAMINATION

DRINKING WATER WARNING LIMITED BOIL WATER NOTICE – Rutland City Water Department

The major fire at Rutland Plywood has resulted in an extended negative water pressure situation in the Campbell Road – Dorr Drive area. This situation presents a potential health risk to users of the Rutland City Water Department water system living in this area. As a precaution, The Rutland City Water Department is issuing a Boil Water Notice for all users west of Otter Creek, effective immediately.

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 food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms that may be in the water.
- When a water system is experiencing fluctuations in water pressure the possibility exists for bacteria and other harmful organisms to enter the water distribution system and contaminate your drinking water supply. The only area affected by this Notice are those users west of Otter Creek (see map).
- This Notice is PRECAUTIONARY; there is **NO EVIDENCE THAT THE WATER SYSTEM HAS BEEN CONTAMINATED**. The Water Department will be conducting tests to confirm that the water is safe to consume, but until those results are available this Boil Water Notice will remain in effect.
- 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 is being done?

This Limited Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until tests prove the water system has not been compromised and the system is able to demonstrate that the quality and quantity of the drinking water meets State and Federal drinking water standards. The Vermont Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health have been notified.

We will keep you informed of any developments. Please visit www.facebook.com/rutlandcitydpw for periodic updates and notices.

For more information, please contact Jeffrey Wennberg at (802) 773-1813. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division at (800) 823-6500.

Please share this information with all the other people who reside west of Otter Creek and 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 email, hand or mail, or by reposting electronic versions through social media such as Facebook.

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