

DRINKING WATER WARNING

DAYTON WATER system lost pressure in the distribution system **BOIL YOUR WATER FOR THREE MINUTES BEFORE USING**

Due to the ELMO FIRE 2, power was shut off west of Highway 93 in the Black Lake Road-Dayton area, which resulted in the power being shut off to the Dayton pumphouse. Therefore, the Dayton water system has likely lost pressure without operating wells. Once power is returned, the Dayton water system pumphouse will be assessed for damage. Wells will be returned to operation as soon as possible and flushing of the water system will begin.

This led to a loss of pressure in the distribution system, which may cause backpressure, back-siphonage, or a net movement of water from outside the pipe to the inside through cracks, breaks, or joints in the distribution system that are common in all water systems. Such a system failure carries with it a high potential that fecal contamination or other disease-causing organisms could enter the distribution system. These conditions may pose an imminent and substantial health endangerment to persons served by the system.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a rolling boil for at least (3) three 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. ALL STORED WATER, DRINK OR ICE MADE RECENTLY FROM THIS SUPPLY SHALL BE DISCARDED.
- *Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly 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? After power is returned to the area and well operation returns, the Dayton water system will be flushed. Following flushing, officials will collect samples from the water system to determine safety. Do not drink the water until Salish Kootenai Housing Authority (SKHA) officials indicate it is safe to do so. Bottled water will be supplied until that time.

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water. For more information, please contact Rocki Davis, Community Systems Program Manager at (406) 675-4491 ext. 1508 or 56243 Highway 93 N (P.O. Box 38) Pablo, MT 59855.

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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