Public Health Advisory – Drinking Water Warning

Galena WTP1 - City

Public Water System ID#: 360272

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Drinking Water Program has issued this public health advisory notice for the Galena WTP1 - City public water system because DEC has been notified that there was a loss/reduction of water pressure below 20 psi on 3/8/2026.

What should I do? What does this mean?

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. Water can be used for hand washing without being boiled.

- *The water may have been impacted by fecal coliform or 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. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What is being done?

After repairs/maintenance have been completed we will collect three special total coliform bacteria samples and send them to a certified lab for analysis. These samples will help us determine if a problem exists with our water system. If any of the samples are positive for total coliform or E. coli bacteria, we will work to disinfect the water system, flush it, and collect additional samples to verify our system is free from bacterial contamination.

You should not use the drinking water for any potable purpose without boiling it first until further notice. We will notify you when the issue has been resolved and the boil water notice has been rescinded by DEC.

For more information, please contact City of Galena at 907-656-1301, or the DEC Office at 907-451-2108.

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.

This notice is being sent to you by the Galena WTP1 - City public water system.
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Public Notice for the Galena WTP1 - City

Public Water System (PWSID # 360272)

Boil Water Notice

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Drinking Water Program has issued this notice for all users of the Galena WTP1 - City public water system.

This boil water notice is being required due to:

Loss/reduction of water pressure below 20 psi on 3/8/2026, occurring as the result of a leak.

Water from this system that is used for drinking, cooking, or other potable purposes should be boiled for 2 minutes prior to use. Boiling the water for 2 minutes will help ensure that the water is adequately treated until satisfactory follow-up sampling has been completed and results reviewed by DEC.

Water can be used for hand washing without being boiled.

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