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### **BOIL WATER Order For Residents in the Village of Jordan and parts of the Town of Elbridge**

The Onondaga County Health Department is issuing a Boil Water Order to residents and businesses in the Village of Jordan and parts of the Town of Elbridge. The test results from routine sampling were received today that confirmed the presence of coliform bacteria.

AS A PRECAUTION 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 certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills most bacteria and other organisms in the water. The boil order will be in effect and sampling will continue in the affected areas until tests confirm there is no more coliform in the water supply.

**Additional reminders for residents in this area include:**

- If you use bottled water, be sure it comes from a safe source. If you do not know the source, boil or treat the water before you use it. Use only bottled, boiled, or treated water until your water supply is tested and found to be safe.
- Boiling water when practical is the preferred way to get rid of harmful bacterial and parasites. Bringing water to a boil for one minute will kill most organisms.
- You can treat water with chlorine tablets, iodine tablets, or unscented household chlorine bleach (5.25% sodium hypochlorite). If you use chlorine tablets or iodine tablets, follow the directions that come with the tablets. If you use household chlorine bleach, add 1/8 teaspoons of bleach per gallon of water if the water is clear. If the water is cloudy, add ¼ of bleach per gallon. Mix the solution thoroughly and let it stand for about 30 minutes before using it.
- While drinking water contaminated with coliform bacteria does not always cause illness, residents in the affected areas that experience gastrointestinal upset, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea should contact their healthcare provider.

For more information about the Boil Water Order, call the Onondaga County Health Department, Division of Environmental Health at 315-435-6600.



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