

NEWS RELEASE

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BOIL ORDER NOTICE FOR CITY OF WHEELING

Wheeling, **WV** – The City of Wheeling has issued a **Water Boil Notice**, **effective immediately**. The boil order is in place for the next 48 hours.

On July 11, 2012, around 9:45 a.m., a main water line broke in the Elm Grove area, potentially contaminating City water. The line was isolated and is being repaired, but conditions indicate a high probability that the water is contaminated at this time. Testing has not yet occurred to confirm or deny the presence of water contamination.

The following areas are affected:

- Paxton and Vernon Avenues, from Howell to the creek
- Sycamore Avenue, from Rhine to the creek

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, then let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. **Until further notice,** boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, bathing, and food preparation. The City of Wheeling will notify the public when the boil order is lifted.

The City of Wheeling Water Department anticipates resolving the problem within 48 hours. This will allow time for the Department to sample the line after the repair and run a bacteria test, which takes a full 24 hours.

For more information, please call Bill Huggins at (304) 234-3835. General guidelines on ways to lessen the health risks are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

This notice is being sent to you by the Wheeling Water Department, PWSID # 3303516.

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