

BOIL WATER ORDER

Disinfection inadequate for Community Fit water

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

CUSTOMERS OF THE COMMUNITY FIT ARE HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BOIL ALL WATER FOR DRINKING AND CULINARY PURPOSES.

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

During a field visit on 9/2/2011, the ultraviolet light disinfection system was not operating. Ultraviolet light is a disinfectant that is used to destroy harmful microbes that could be in the drinking water.

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.

Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. Inadequate disinfection may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. The symptoms above are not just caused by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

Once proper disinfection of the water supply is achieved, you will be informed when two (2) consecutive check samples show no harmful bacteria are present, then the boil water order may be lifted.

For more information, please contact Sue or Kirk Polhemus of the Community Fit at 643-9803 or the Clinton County Health Dept. at 565-4870.

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.