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January 4, 2022

## **BOIL WATER ADVISORY**

The City of Centralia has issued a "boil water ADVISORY" for all City of Centralia water customers.

The BOIL ADVISORY is in effect until 12:00 p.m. Thursday, January 6, 2022. This is ADVISORY is City-wide. Due to a water valve leak at the north water tower Tuesday, January 4, 2022, water pressure may have dropped to a level that could possibly allow back flow and contamination for City of Centralia water customers in the affected are. When water pressure is low, conditions exist which could allow contamination to enter the distribution system or household plumbing.

**City Water Crews will be conducting extensive testing and flushing throughout the entire system as safety precautions.**

Anyone served by the City of Centralia water system, particularly those with small children or anyone with a compromised immune system, may wish to observe the following precautions:

- Boil water vigorously for three minutes (3:00) prior to use for cooking, drinking, or brushing teeth.
- Disinfect food contact surfaces (dishes) by immersing them for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.
- Use only boiled water for brushing teeth.
- Dispose of ice cubes made with water dispensed after 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2022, and remake with water that has been boiled.
- Continue boiling all water that is to be used for cooking or drinking until the advisory is rescinded.
- Water used for hand washing or bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing so water is not ingested.
- Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.
- LET WATER COOL SUFFICIENTLY BEFORE DRINKING.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is **NOT** a boil water order but **IS** an **ADVISORY**. City water customer may choose whether to take the precautions listed above but are not required to do so.

Specific questions may be referred to Centralia City Hall 573-682-2139.

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