



# TOWN OF BOONSBORO

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## DRINKING WATER WARNING

### BOIL YOUR WATER FOR THREE MINUTES BEFORE USING

Over a 24-hour period, beginning on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9AM, and ending the following morning, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9AM, the Town of Boonsboro's Water & Wastewater Department will be conducting a leak survey at the drinking water reservoir, located on Boonsboro Mountain Road. After a spray disinfection treatment, scuba divers will be entering the reservoir to search for leaks. Until lab testing can confirm no contamination occurred during the dive and leak search, we are requiring customers to boil their tap water before drinking or ingesting.

#### What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a rolling boil for at least (3) three 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 Saturday Morning, 5/15, at 9AM. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

ALL STORED WATER, DRINK OR ICE MADE RECENTLY FROM THIS SUPPLY SHALL BE DISCARDED. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly 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.

#### What happened? What is being done?

While conducting a leak survey of the Town's drinking water reservoir, we are taking the necessary precautions to keep our residents and customers safe, while continuing water service, uninterrupted. Unless you are notified otherwise, you may begin drinking your tap water at 9AM, on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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: Boonsboro Water & Wastewater Department  
Water System ID#: MD0210002  
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#### Certification of Public Notification

I, Ronald Shumaker (PWS Operator / Responsible Party), certify that the attached public notification was issued from 9AM, Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to 9AM, Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This notice was issued by the Boonsboro Water & Wastewater Department, via Emergency Notification System, Town Website, Town Facebook Page, WJEL Radio PSA, and Herald Mail PSA.

Signature:

*Ronald Shumaker*

Ronald Shumaker, Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Water Treatment Superintendent, Class T2 & T5

Date:

5-11-21