

# BOIL WATER ALERT

## CITY OF BRANDON

Boil Water Alert for Rankin County, Mississippi

Water System: City of Brandon – PWS ID#: 610003

Effective Date: August 3, 2016



Local officials have issued a precautionary Boil Water Alert for customers who get their drinking water from the CITY OF BRANDON located in RANKIN COUNTY, MS. Darion Warren, spokesperson for the water system, stated this precautionary action was necessary because the system lost pressure due to a damaged water main caused by utility road boring crews. This affects approximately 95 customers in the Speers Crossing Subdivision.

When a water distribution system loses pressure, contaminants can siphon back into the system. Public health officials consider any system that has lost pressure contaminated until tests of the water prove otherwise.

As soon as pressure is restored to those customers affected, water system officials will begin collecting water samples for testing and recommend that consumers vigorously boil water for one minute before it is consumed or use an alternate source for drinking/cooking.

Users will be notified when tests indicate the water is safe to drink.

### CHECKLIST FOR SAFE WATER USE

#### DO NOT

Do not drink tap water while the water system is under boil water advisory.

Do not drink from water fountains in parks or public/private buildings that receive water from the system.

Do not use ice made from water today. Freezing will not necessarily kill harmful bacteria.

Do not use tap water to make drinks, juices or fountain soft drinks.

Do not use tap water to make tea or coffee unless the brewing process brings the water to a boil for at least one minute.

#### DO

Wash your dishes in boiled water or use paper plates for the next few days.

Wash your fruits and vegetables with boiled or bottled water since they may have been exposed to affected water from grocery store sprayers.

Wash your hands and bathe as usual. Bathing is safe as long as no water is swallowed.

Brush your teeth with boiled or bottled water.

Cook with tap water if the food will be boiled for at least one minute.

#### AND REMEMBER

Properly chlorinated water in swimming pools is safe.

Fish in aquariums are not affected.

**Bringing water to a rolling boil for one minute will destroy all major types of harmful bacteria.**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE CITY OF BRANDON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT (601) 824-4579, M-F 8a.m.-5p.m. AFTER HOURS PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OF BRANDON POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (601) 825-7225.**