

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Worden Ballantine Yellowstone County Water & Sewer District (WBYC WSD) Does Not Meet Treatment Requirements

RE-ISSUE Health Advisory – March 2022

Our water system recently was notified that our source water has been determined to be under the influence of surface water and as such needs to be disinfected and filtered to meet surface water treatment regulations. Chlorine disinfection residual has been increased but is not completely effective for surface water contaminants. Because nitrate levels have also been detected at higher than allowable levels, **boiling the water is not an option for treatment. Bottled water is the safest alternative for those concerned.**

What should I do?

- You should **NOT** boil the water, however if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- Water, juice, and formula for children **under 6 months of age** should not be prepared with tap water.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

- Recent test results have confirmed that our source is under the direct influence of surface water. Our current disinfection system does not adequately treat the water.
- Consumption of the water should be based on individual concerns, and those people with compromised immune systems, infants, children under the age of 6 months, nursing mothers, pregnant women, and some elderly may want to seek guidance from their health care professional.

What is being done?

- We have increased the disinfection treatment and will continue to work on a solution.
- We are seeking out options for our water source and treatment options so that we may provide safe drinking water.
- Bottled water is being handed out to WBYC WSD customers, Monday-Friday (8am-9pm). For more information, please contact, Sandy Kust, WBYC WSD operator at (406) 670-4550 or at 2449 Main Street, Worden, MT 59088.

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 the **Worden Ballantine Yellowstone County Water & Sewer District (WBYC WSD)**

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