Boil water for 1 full minute in a clean container. The 1 minute boil time begins after the water has been brought to a rolling boil. Please pay attention to the local news for updates. For more information call 311 or visit ready.nola.gov.

Food Preparation

**Do not eat** Ready-to-eat food prepared with water prior to the discovery of the water contamination.

**Cooking** Prepare ready-to-eat foods with bottled or boiled water. Wash countertops and tables with boiled water.

**Coffee** Use drinking water alternatives to make coffee.

**Ice** Do not use ice from ice trays or ice makers. Instead, make new ice with bottled or boiled water.

Cleaning

**Dishwashing** Dishwashing machines that have a dry cycle or a final rinse that exceeds 113°F for 20 minutes, 112°F for 5 minutes or 162°F for 1 minute may be used.

**Clean and sanitize** Equipment/utensils/tableware using drinking water alternatives or use disposable options.

**Toys** Children’s toys should be disinfected using a drinking water alternative or using a dishwashing machine that has a dry cycle or a final rinse that exceeds 113°F for 20 minutes, 112°F for 5 minutes or 162°F for 1 minute.

**Equipment** Discontinue service of equipment with water line connections. Use drinking water alternatives for humidifiers and other medical equipment.

**Bathing** Be careful not to swallow any water when bathing or showering.

Consider giving babies and young children, or those with an open wound, a sponge bath to reduce the chance of them swallowing water.

**Washing hands** Use soap and tap water, dry hands then apply hand sanitizer.

Drinking Water Alternatives

- Commercially-bottled water
- Water that has been disinfected by boiling at a rolling boil for over 1 minute and allowed to cool
- Water hauled from an approved public water supplies in a covered sanitized container
- Water from a licensed drinking water hauler truck
- Do not use water fountains, place clearly labeled signs on each fountain

Most advisories will last 24 hours. Check the local news for updates.

After the Boil Water Advisory

Run all cold water pipes and faucets for at least 5 minutes.

Change all point-of-entry and point-of-use water filters, including those associated with equipment that uses water.

Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.

Drain and refill hot water heaters if the heater was set below 113°F.