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Topic: Boil water advisory

The heavy rains this past week have caused flooding in parts of the county and may have polluted wells and water systems in this county. Public health officials are advising residents with private wells that have flooded, to boil their water or use bottled water for consumption.

Until further notice, private well water, used for consumption, brushing teeth or food preparation should be brought to a rolling boil for two minutes, and then strained, before using. Let it cool, and store it in clean containers with covers. If after boiling for two minutes and straining, the water appears cloudy, do not use the water from that source. Those who choose may also use bottled water.

This Boil Water Advisory is limited to private wells that have flooded and does not apply to municipal water systems. Your well should be considered “flooded” if your well casing has been submerged in water anytime throughout the past week.

Public health officials also recommend avoiding contact with potentially contaminated free-flowing or run-off water if possible. If you are exposed to potentially contaminated water, Public Health recommends receiving the tetanus vaccine. Vaccine is available at county health departments or from your local health care provider.

Parents are encouraged to not allow their children to play in any free-flowing, run-off or floodwater. This water can be contaminated with bacteria or chemicals. Persons that enter swiftly flowing water are at risk of drowning – regardless of their ability to swim. Cars or other vehicles do not provide adequate protection from flood waters.

For more information, **(insert contact information)**.