

# BOIL WATER NOTICE

Coliform exceedance in \_\_\_\_\_ water  
( name of Public Water System )

## BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

**Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using.** Or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

This Boil Water Notice applies to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(describe area or attach map)

### What Happened ?

Regular monitoring showed a violation for total coliform bacteria in your drinking water. During \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year), \_\_\_\_\_ ( number or percentage ) of the samples taken tested positive, including \_\_\_\_\_ repeat sample(s) taken on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

*Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that potentially harmful microbes may be present.*

*Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.*

### What is being done ?

\_\_\_\_\_  
( describe corrective actions )

It is likely that you will need to boil water for the next \_\_\_\_\_ days \_\_\_\_\_ hours until the problem is fixed. You will be informed when tests show that you no longer need to boil your water.

### For more information, please contact:

\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
( name of person ) ( name of Public Water System ) ( phone number )

or the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
( County/District Office ) ( phone number )

*Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get 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.*