

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### Burney Water District Customers

## BOIL WATER ADVISORY

**July 12, 2023**

Failure to follow this advisory could result in stomach or intestinal illness.

*E. coli* bacteria were confirmed present in our drinking water distribution system on July 12, 2023. The presence of these bacteria indicate that other pathogens could be present in your tap water which can make you sick and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. Therefore, the Burney Water District in conjunction with the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water are advising residents of Burney to only use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes.

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely-compromised immune systems. The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.
- 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 U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

Today we received test results which confirm the presence of *E. coli* bacteria in the drinking water. We are working to identify any possible sources of contamination and eliminate them. We will be flushing fresh water into the system and potentially chlorinating the water if it becomes necessary. We will inform you in writing when tests show the bacteria have been eliminated and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within seven days.

For more information call:

Burney Water District: (530) 335-3582

SWRCB Division of Drinking Water: (530) 224-4800.

*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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*