

DRINKING WATER ORDER

Powder Mountain Water and Sewer Improvement District water is contaminated with *E. coli*

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

What happened?

Powder Mountain Water and Sewer Improvement District (PMWSID) conducted routine sampling on August 31, 2026. One of the routine samples tested positive for *E. coli*, triggering immediate additional sampling on September 2, 2026. On September 3, 2026, PMWSID was notified that all the repeat samples taken tested positive for total coliform, and three of the repeat samples tested positive for *E. coli*. As part of the routine testing, both of the District's sources were sampled, and Bloomington Well was identified to be the source of *E. coli* in the distribution system.

What is being done?

PMWSID is immediately conducting additional investigation and sampling of the Bloomington Well. The Bloomington Well will temporarily be turned out of the system, and the District will conduct flushing on the system to remove contaminated water. After flushing, testing will be completed to ensure that contaminants have been removed from the system. PMWSID will continue to work with the Division of Drinking Water to determine the best path forward to quickly and safely return to normal service.

PMWSID will notify residents once regular use of water without boiling may safely resume.

What should the consumer do?

- **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. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of 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 at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

For more information, please contact JAMES STRONG at 801-589-4780 or jstrong@pmwsid.gov.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791 Division website: drinkingwater.utah.gov.

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.

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