

Do-not-drink advisory

ACTION CHECKLIST

Use commercially bottled or officially approved water for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, ice, formula and pets. Do not try to make chemically contaminated water safe by boiling. Read the notice for which other uses are allowed.

[] Read restrictions

Check what contaminant is involved and which uses are prohibited.

[] Replace drinking water

Use the approved alternative for anything swallowed or used to prepare food.

[] Check household uses

Bathing, laundry and cleaning depend on the exact local notice.

[] Wait for clearance

Follow any flushing or filter replacement instructions before resuming use.

WATCH FOR

Clear appearance and normal taste cannot confirm safety.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Set aside sealed water for drinking, food and medicines, including pet needs. Mark the unsafe taps so nobody uses them by habit. If you have no trusted update, keep using the safer supply; restored pressure or clear appearance does not establish safety.

Updated 2026-10-02 | Civilian educational guidance. Seek qualified help when reachable and safe; do not delay immediate protective action.

Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/emergencies/do-not-drink/>

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