

Do-not-use advisory

ACTION CHECKLIST

Do not drink or use tap water for any purpose while a do-not-use advisory is in effect. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and lungs. Use commercially bottled or officially approved alternatives and follow local instructions for sanitation.

[] **Stop tap-water use**

Do not bathe, wash dishes or use connected water and ice appliances.

[] **Get safe alternatives**

Check official water distribution and hygiene arrangements.

[] **Prevent accidental exposure**

Tell everyone in the household and keep children and pets from using taps.

[] **Follow restoration steps**

Wait for the official all-clear and complete any required flushing or appliance instructions.

WATCH FOR

Boiling does not override a do-not-use order.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Make the unsafe supply physically obvious with signs and tell every person in the household. Use a separate clean-water container for essential washing. Avoid flushing or other contact unless the advisory specifically permits it; find another sanitation arrangement.

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

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