

Water outage

ACTION CHECKLIST

Check the utility notice to learn whether water service is interrupted and whether an advisory applies. Use stored or commercially bottled water for drinking and essential care. Service returning does not automatically mean tap water is safe.

[] Find the notice

Check the affected address, restoration estimate and any advisory.

[] Prioritize safe water

Reserve approved water for drinking, medications, formula, food and pets.

[] Plan hygiene

Use local health instructions for sanitation and safe handwashing without running water.

[] Wait for clearance

Follow flushing and treatment instructions once the utility restores service.

WATCH FOR

Do not use heating-system or radiator water for drinking.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Inventory clean containers and safe water, then prioritise drinking, food, medicines and hand hygiene. Do not use nonpotable water in food or formula. Plan toilet and waste arrangements separately and keep them away from food and water storage.

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/water-outage/>

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