

# Precautionary Boil/Bottle Water Advisory

The Janesville Water Utility has detected Fecal Coliform/E. Coli in a routine water test.

**Fecal coliform/E. coli** bacteria was found in our water supply in the north pressure zone east of the Rock River that supplies water to the area east of Randall Avenue, and north of Mt. Zion Avenue and Black Bridge Road. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

The presence of coliform bacteria including fecal bacteria in your drinking water is a violation of State and Federal Safe Drinking Water Regulations.

A water sample collected on May 7, 2009 indicated the presence of coliform bacteria. Further sampling is being done to confirm their presence for coliform and fecal coliform/E. Coli on May 8, 2009.

## What precautions should be taken at this time?

**Ice, food, and any beverages prepared with unsafe water must be discarded.** You should boil or use commercially bottled water for drinking, food preparation, and making ice. If you boil water, the water should be heated to a rolling boil for at least ONE minute before use. Ice should be made from boiled or bottled water.

## What does this mean?

Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as 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.

## What is being done to correct the problem?

Correction action(s) taken:

- 1) *Increasing chlorine in distribution water,*
- 2) *flushing water mains,*
- 3) *taking follow-up bacteria tests.*

You should use boiled or bottled water until we inform you that our sampling shows that no bacteria are present. We are working to resolve this problem as soon as possible.

## If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:

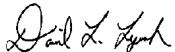
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