



PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE

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TO: All the Residents of Don Pedro/Knight/Palm Island & Knight Island Utilities,

Bocilla Utilities has declared a Precautionary Boil Water Notice for all its customers, now that Englewood Water District has restored service to the Island after Hurricane Helene.

This Precautionary Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until a bacteriological survey shows that the water is safe to drink.

The survey results usually come back in approximately 3 business days (72 hours), however there could be delays at the laboratory due to the storm. A Rescission of Precautionary Boil Water Notice will be posted upon receipt of the satisfactory bacteriological survey.

How to Disinfect Water:

The preferred method is boiling. To ensure all pathogens are killed, bring water to a rolling boil and boil for at least one minute. Let cool before use to prevent burns. If boiling is not an available option, disinfect by adding 1/8 teaspoon of unscented bleach per gallon of water. Mix well and let sit uncovered for 30 minutes or more. Water that has been disinfected can be safely stored in a clean, covered container for later use.

When to Use Disinfected Water:

Drinking—Drinking water should be disinfected before use by any humans or animals. Water from your refrigerator dispenser will also need disinfected. Any ice in your ice-maker should be thrown away, and no new ice made from your refrigerator should be used during the advisory. If you make ice in a tray, disinfect the water first.

Cooking—Any water to be used in cooking should be disinfected prior to use. Disinfected water should also be used to wash any food, such as fruits and vegetables. Baby formula should be prepared using disinfected water. Ensure your hands have been cleaned with disinfected water before handling any food.

Cleaning—Dishes can be hand-cleaned using tap water if they are rinsed afterwards for one minute in a bleach solution made from one tablespoon of

bleach per gallon of tap water. Dishes should then be left to air dry. It is safe to wash clothes in tap water.

Personal Hygiene – General hand-washing can be done with tap water and soap; however, if you will be in contact with food use disinfected water to prevent any contamination to prepared food. If you have any open cuts, wounds, or sores, disinfected water should be used when cleaning the afflicted area. Individuals who have had recent surgery, chronic illness or are immunosuppressed may want to use disinfected water for any personal hygiene to ensure health. While tap water is safe for bathing and showering, care should be taken not to allow water in the eyes, nose or mouth to prevent pathogens from entering your body. Children and disabled individuals should be supervised when bathing to ensure no water is ingested. Disinfected water should be used for brushing teeth. Tap water is safe for shaving, as long as care is taken to prevent water from entering the eyes, nose, mouth or shaving cuts.

If you have any questions, you may contact Bocilla Utilities at (941) 769-0561 or (941) 201-1084.

Thank you,
The Staff of Bocilla Utilities
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