



## **BOROUGH OF NORTH EAST**

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For Immediate Release

North East Borough is issuing a Boil Water Advisory effective immediately for all residential, commercial and industrial customers of the North East Borough Water system. On December 20, 2024, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) issued a Field Order requiring the boil water advisory to the North East Borough Water Department as a result of a PADEP scheduled filter plant inspection. PADEP noted tears and standing water on the floating cover at Fairchild Reservoir which provides finished water for North East Borough and North East Township. The cover is scheduled for repair and replacement as soon as possible and water has been and is being tested daily and to date there have been no exceedances of numerical limits. Customers will be notified when the boil water advisory has been lifted and the boiling of water is no longer required. Please feel free to share this information with other water system users. For more information you can contact the Patrick Gehrlein- North East Borough at (814)-725-8611 or [Patrick.gehrlein@northeastborough.com](mailto:Patrick.gehrlein@northeastborough.com). The official Notice is also available at [www.northeastborough.com](http://www.northeastborough.com)



### DRINKING WATER WARNING

#### FAILURE OF A FILTRATION OR DISINFECTION PROCESS

**ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACION IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE.  
HAGA QUE ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.**

North East Borough Water Department is experiencing operational conditions that compromise the water quality.

#### BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

On December 20, 2024, operational plant conditions or deficiencies were identified at Fairchild Reservoir.

These deficiencies include:

Tears in the floating cover on Fairchild Reservoir and failure to notify DEP of tears within 24 hours

There is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

#### What should I do?

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

*Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.*

These 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. Guardians of infants and young children and people at increased risk, such as pregnant women, some of the elderly and people with severely compromised immune systems, should seek advice from their health care advisors about drinking this water.

#### What is being done?

The cover is being repaired and a new cover has been ordered.

We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact: Patrick Gehrlein- North East Borough Manager

Tyler Simmer - North East Borough Water Department

at 814-725-8611 or 814-969-5140

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or by distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by North East Borough.

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