

# DRINKING WATER WARNING

Montpelier Water System - WSID: 5272

## Customers on Liberty Street Only (Main St - Loomis St)

### BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Due to the need for system maintenance/repair of a rupture of a 6" diameter water main on Liberty Street near the St. Paul St intersection, water service was temporarily discontinued to all customers receiving water from the Liberty Street water main. For customers within the affected area, there is a strong possibility that your drinking water supply may become contaminated on the way to the tap. This situation presents a potentially significant health risk to users of the above described section of Liberty Street served by the Montpelier Water System water system. As a precaution, the Montpelier Water System is issuing a Boil Water Notice for users, effective immediately.

#### 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.

Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. When a water system is experiencing fluctuations in water pressure the possibility exists for bacteria and other harmful organisms to enter the water distribution system and contaminate your drinking water supply.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

#### What happened? What is being done?

This Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until the water system maintenance/repair is complete and the system is able to demonstrate that the quality and quantity of the drinking water meets State and Federal drinking water standards.

We will inform you when the tests show no bacteria present in the drinking water supply. The water main was repaired by approximately 7:00 am on December 30, 2016. We will cancel the precautionary boil water order approximately 48 hours after completion of the repairs upon verification through bacteriological sampling that the water is potable. (Due to the holiday weekend, the test results from the independent lab won't be available until January 2<sup>nd</sup>).

For more information, please contact Thomas McArdle, Director of Public Works or Kurt Motyka, City Engineer at 802-223-5500. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division at (802) 828-1535.

**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 distributing copies by hand or mail.**

#### Certification

Method(s) of Distribution: direct delivery by hand to affected customers, city web site & posting in City Clerks office\_ Date

Distributed: 12/30/16

(e.g. hand or direct delivery, posting<sup>1</sup>, television, radio)

I, Thomas McArdle, Director of Public Works (print name) Certify, as the Responsible Person (or authorized representative) of the water system indicated above, that the public notice has been provided to customers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Chapter 21, Subchapter 21-10).

Signature: Thomas McArdle

Date: 12/30/16

Within 10 days of issuance of public notice, send a copy of the notice to:

Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, One National Life Drive - Main 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521

1 - Community Water Systems may use posting as a second method, but must also use radio, television, or hand or direct delivery.