

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

ALERT ~ BOIL WATER NOTICE

Water System Customers served by the Town of Smithville Rural Water System

Rural Water Customers:

Including Highway 23 Outside City Limits, 60020 Highway 23, 60021 Highway 23, Frederick Trail, Stateline Road, Jug Shop Road, Davis Road, Bull Mountain Road, Duncan Lake Road, Cedar Ridge Drive, Cowley Road, Walls Road, Jackson Road, Stafford Road, Collins Road, George Pearce Road, McKenzie Road, Pearce Chapel Road, Kennedy Road, Brasfield Loop, Hadaway Bottom Road, Sam's Sawmill Road, Wildwood Trail, Firetower Road, Faulkner Lane, Gregory Loop, Seminole Road, FB Boozer Lane

Checklist for Safe Water Use

DO NOT: Do not drink tap water while the water system is under a boil water advisory.

- Do not drink from water fountains in parks, public or private buildings that receive water from the affected system.
- Do not use ice unless it has been made with boiled water. Freezing will not necessarily kill harmful bacteria.
- Do not use tap water to make drinks, juices, or fountain soft drinks.
- **DO:** Wash your dishes in boiled water, or use paper plates for the next few days.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables with boiled or bottled water since they may have been exposed to affected water from grocery store sprayers.
- Wash your hands and bathe as usual. Bathing is safe as long as no water is swallowed.
- Brush your teeth with boiled or bottled water.
- Cook with tap water if the food will be boiled for at least one minute.

AND REMEMBER: Properly chlorinated water in swimming pools is safe.

- Fish in aquariums are not affected.

Bringing water to a rolling boil for one minute will inactivate all major types of harmful bacteria.

When your boil-water notice is lifted:

Flush faucets for a total of 10 minutes to introduce system water throughout house plumbing.

Example:

- 1 faucet — run for 10 minutes
- 2 faucets — run both for 5 minutes
- 3 faucets — run each for 3-4 minutes
- Flush any faucet a **minimum of 2 minutes** to ensure clearing of the line serving the faucet.
- **Discard any drinks**, ice, food, etc, made during the boil water notice.
- **Rewash** any food or drink contact items (knives, forks, plates, etc.) with "cleared" system water.
- **Check water filters** (in faucets, refrigerators and elsewhere) and replace if necessary.
- **Do not use water from your hot water heater** for drinking until several exchanges of the tank have occurred. **Run dishwasher** through a cycle or two before washing dishes.