

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Due to recent flooding, the Outlook Community in Yakima County is currently using water with unknown quality.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER

Bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice.

Bacteria are a potential concern in this situation. Short-term effects from some bacteria include: 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 provider.

Also, chemical of some concern is nitrate. Populations potentially susceptible to nitrate contamination include: pregnant women, infants, and those with certain stomach enzyme disorders. If you or someone you care for is susceptible to nitrate, consult your doctor. **DO NOT** try to treat the water by boiling it. Nitrate stays in water after boiling.

The Outlook Community Water System (PWS ID# 69437 0) is being tested for *E. coli* contamination immediately. The system will conduct follow up sampling for bacteria and nitrate as directed by the Department of Health.

The Department of Health recommends that people served by private wells in the area use bottled water until they can have their water tested for *E. coli*. People needing help with water testing should contact the Yakima County Health District at (509) 249-6508.

We have consulted with the Washington State Department of Health about this incident. We will notify you when the water is safe to drink.

For more information, please contact _____ at () ____ - ____ or at _____.
(owner or operator) (phone number) (address)

Please share this notice with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

This notice is sent to you by _____ Water System on ____/____/____