



BOIL WATER NOTICE **MID-GALWAY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY**

30 November 2009

Recent sampling results indicate that the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme has become contaminated. Galway County Council is concerned that the treatment plant has been compromised due to the recent flooding. Following discussion with the HSE a boil notice is being issued. Accordingly, in the interest of public health, it is recommended that all users on the scheme boil water before use.

The Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme serves an extensive area from Abbeyknockmoy to the North, Ballydavid to the South and Brackloon to the East. It also includes Monivea and Colemanstown. The following Group Water Schemes are also fed from the supply: Abbert, Ard Aoibhin, Kiltullagh, Cuillagh, Mira and an area to the south of the Galway-Dublin railway line known as Mid-Galway Phase 4. A map of the affected area will be available on the Galway County Council website; www.galway.ie.

Please ensure that the following precautions are taken:

- Water must be boiled for:
 - Drinking.
 - Preparation of salads and similar foods, which are not cooked prior to eating.
 - Brushing of teeth.
 - Making of ice.
- Water can be used for personal hygiene, bathing and flushing of toilets.
- Boil water and allow it to cool. Cover and store in a refrigerator or cold place. Water from the hot tap is not safe to drink. Domestic water filters will not render water safe to drink.
- Caution should be taken when bathing children to ensure that they do not swallow the water.
- Discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges. Make ice from cooled boiled water.
- Use water prepared for drinking when preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing salads)
- Prepare baby feeds with water that has been brought to the boil once and cooled. Do not use water that has been reboiled several times. Do not use bottled mineral water unless the concentration of minerals is suitable for infants. If bottled water is used for the preparation of infant feeds it should be boiled once and cooled.
- Anyone suffering from diarrhoea for more than two days should contact their general practitioner and provide a stool sample for testing. They should continue to drink plenty of boiled or bottled water.

Great care should be taken with boiled water to avoid burns and scalds as accidents can easily happen, especially with children.

The Council regrets the inconvenience caused to the general public and we assure that we are doing everything in our power to rectify the situation as soon as possible.

Remember to boil water as advised until further notice.

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