

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

BOIL WATER NOTICE

CSA 34 Millerton New Town Water System has high turbidity levels

Boil Your Water Before Drinking or Food Preparation to Avoid Illness

Due to the recent rain events, and increased raw water turbidities, the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, the Fresno County Environmental Health Division, and the CSA 34/Millerton New Town Water System are advising residents serviced water by CSA 34 to only use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution to avoid stomach or intestinal illness. The affected area includes: the Millerton New Town.

We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. Water monitoring on **1-19-2023** showed turbidity levels of **1.400 NTU** turbidity units. This is above the performance standard of **0.200** turbidity units. Because of these high levels of turbidity, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms. The chlorine dosage has been increased to counteract the increased turbidity.

Please conserve water usage, especially an outdoor water usage/irrigation, to alleviate stress on the surface water treatment plant.

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, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Turbidity has no health effects. However, high levels of turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.* 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 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 the U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water

Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

What happened? What is being done?

Due to the high turbidity levels in Millerton Lake the surface water treatment plant is unable to produce water that meets the turbidity standards for drinking water. The surface water treatment plant is producing water the best way it can and will continue trouble shooting, trying various techniques to filter out turbidity and reduce it to meet drinking water standards. The water system expects to return to compliance on February 9, 2023, pending the turbidity of Millerton Lake.

We will inform you when turbidity returns to appropriate levels and when you no longer need to boil your water.

For more information, please contact Elena Cotta at (559) 600-4259 or 2220 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721

SWRCB, DDW-Fresno District Office: Cristina Knudsen (559) 447-3300 or (559) 731-1208

Secondary Notification Requirements

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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the CSA 34 Millerton New Town (Surface Water Treatment Plant)

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