

Lancaster placed under boil water advisory

(KAIR)--The City of Lancaster has been placed under a boil water advisory.

The advisory, affecting the public water supply system for Lancaster located in Atchison County, was issued early Monday afternoon by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

According to a release from KDHE, the advisory was issued because of a loss of pressure in the system. Failure to maintain adequate pressure may result in a loss of chlorine residuals and bacterial contamination.

The boil water advisory "will remain in effect until the conditions that placed the system at risk of bacterial contamination are resolved."

All affected water intended for human consumption should be boiled for one minute prior to drinking. KDHE says bottled water is a safe option as the advisory remains in place.

Customers should observe the following precautions until further notice:

- Boil water for one minute prior to drinking or food preparation or use bottled water.**
- Dispose of ice cubes and do not use ice from a household automatic icemaker.**
- If your tap water appears dirty, flush the water lines by letting the water run until it clears.**
- Disinfect dishes and other food contact surfaces by immersion for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.**
- Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing so that water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.**