

# DRINKING WATER WARNING

## BURLINGTON DRINKING WATER SYSTEM, WSID 5053

### BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

During a water main break repair in vicinity of your property today (May 23, 2024), surrounding soil from the excavation entered the drinking water pipe during the repair effort. Soil can contain bacteria which presents a potential health risk to users of the water system that are connected to this area. While the City will perform a variety of measures to restore sanitary conditions to this area when the repair is completed, including disinfecting the pipe directly, flushing the system to ensure a fresh supply of water and appropriate levels of disinfectant (the chemical we add to the water to kill any bacteria) and checking field results to show that there are proper levels of disinfectant, as a precautionary measure and in compliance with State Drinking Water rules, the Burlington Drinking Water System is issuing a Boil Water Notice for the users at the addresses below, effective immediately.

#### Church St

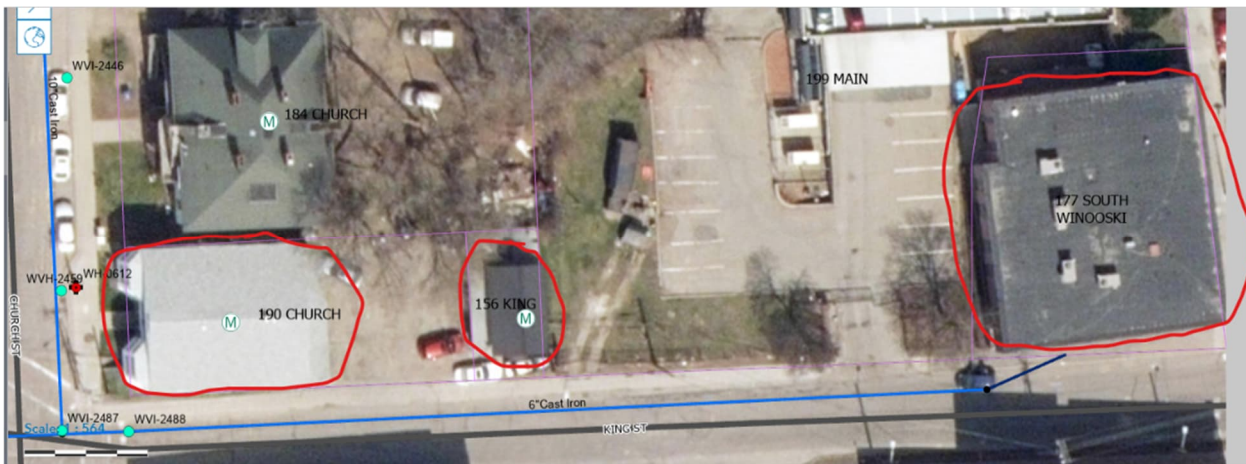
#190

#### King St

#156

#### South Winooski Ave

#177-179



#### 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, brushing teeth, washing dishes or fruits and vegetables, baby formula and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other; potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. When a water system is experiencing fluctuations in water pressure the possibility exists for bacteria and other harmful organisms to enter the water distribution system and contaminate your drinking water supply.

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791. Additional information, including FAQs and any updates, is available at <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/water/Boil-Water-Advisory>

Once water pressure is restored you should flush your cold water until clear, but for no less than 2 minutes. While you will still need to boil your water for the consumption related activities above, this will significantly reduce the chances of any drinking water quality issues.

### **What happened? What is being done?**

The introduction of soil into the pipe during a water main break has prompted this notice. This Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until water quality test results are available that demonstrate that the quality of the drinking water meets State and Federal drinking water standards.

We will inform you when tests show no bacteria present in the drinking water supply. We anticipate resolving this boil water notice by 5 pm on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>. We will notify your residence with a flyer and updates will also be available at the website address above.

For more information, please contact Burlington Water Resources at 802-863-4501.

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