



## AFTER THE STORM WATER SAFETY TIPS

***If your water service loses pressure or becomes contaminated, the water utility will issue a Boil Water Notice. Here's what you need to know:***



- ***If*** a “Boil Water Order” is issued for the Weston area, it will be announced on the City’s website and other media. If widespread you will receive a CodeRed call if you are registered with the City. If it is a small area, crews will come door-to-door to notify you. You should sign up for [E-Notifications](#) from the City of Weston and follow us on Twitter at [@CityofWeston](#) or our Alert account for important notices at [@WestonFLAlert](#).
- A boil water order applies to tap water. This means you should not give water from the faucet to pets, or use it for washing dishes, cleaning, cooking, brushing teeth, making ice or making formula. You are safe showering under a boil water order, but should keep water out of the eyes and mouth.
- Limit the use of running water after the storm until power is restored. During power outages, lift stations that normally pump raw sewage/wastewater may not be operating unless they are powered by a generator. In these cases, the system can eventually back up into your street, or showers, toilets and sink drains inside your home.
- Engage in safe hygiene practices to sanitize hands, etc.
- If the quality of water is questionable, there are three ways to disinfect it:
  1. Boil water at a rolling boil for one minute to kill infectious organisms.
  2. Use water purifying tablets (generally available from the local pharmacy or camping supply store), according to package directions.
  3. Use unscented household bleach. Add 8 drops (1/8 teaspoon) household bleach per gallon of water. Mix thoroughly. Let stand for 30 minutes. If water is cloudy, repeat the dosage and let stand 30 minutes. The water will not be toxic, although it will have a chlorine odor and taste.

***For ongoing updates during and following a storm, visit our website under “Happening Now” at [WestonFL.org](#), follow us on Twitter [@CityofWeston](#) and [@WestonFLAlert](#), and subscribe to our [E-Notifications](#). If necessary, a CodeRED call will be done to notify Weston residents of important news. Be sure to subscribe to [CodeRed](#) online or by calling 954-385-2000.***