



DO NOT DRINK ORDER IS LIFTED

FOR CITY OF MATTOON
EVERYONE MAY DRINK THE TAP WATER – July 18, 2025

WHY IS THE ADVISORY LIFTED?

- The DO NOT DRINK Order that was issued on July 15, 2025 for the City of Mattoon has now been **LIFTED**.
- Samples collected on July 15th showed harmful algal bloom neurological toxin in the drinking water at .385 parts per billion (ppb) which is *above* the EPA recommended advisory levels of .30 ppb.
- Samples collected on July 16th showed harmful algal bloom neurological toxin in the drinking water at .215 ppb which is *under* the EPA recommended advisory levels of .30 ppb.
- Samples collected on July 17th showed harmful algal bloom neurological toxin in the drinking water at .058 ppb which is considered non-detect *under* the EPA recommended advisory levels of .30 ppb.
- Samples collected on July 18th showed harmful algal bloom neurological toxin in the drinking water at .10 ppb which is considered non-detect *under* the EPA recommended advisory levels of .30 ppb.
- With three consecutive days of results *under* the EPA's advisory levels of .30 ppb, the **DO NOT DRINK Order has been LIFTED**.

WHAT ACTIONS DID THE CITY OF MATTOON TAKE TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM?

The City of Mattoon took the following actions to reduce harmful algal bloom neurological toxin levels:

- Met with a consultant who recommended both short-term and long-term solutions.
- Increased the Powder-Activated Carbon (PAC).
- Increased chlorine feed rates.
- Performed directional flushing of distribution system based on IEPA recommendations.
- Developing long-term treatment options, including lake and plant treatment.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- **Everyone may resume using the tap water for all uses.**
- Flush all cold-water lines for 5–10 minutes.
- Flush hot water lines separately for 5–10 minutes.
- IEPA recommends discarding all ice and replacing water filters.

Water distribution will remain open through Saturday, July 19th at both Lytle Park and Arland D. Williams Elementary School from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
