

UNSAFE WATER ALERT

City of Mattoon water is again possibly contaminated with (Microcystin) a Harmful Algal Bloom

DO NOT DRINK YOUR WATER

Failure to follow this advisory could result in illness.

A DO NOT DRINK ORDER is being **reissued** because a harmful algal bloom neurological toxin was found at 0.38 parts per billion level and the advisory level for a DO NOT DRINK order is 0.3 parts per billion. The Coles County Health Department, and City of Mattoon Water Treatment Plant are advising residents of the City of Mattoon Water Treatment Plant to NOT USE THE TAP WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK YOUR TAP WATER---USE ONLY BOTTLED WATER.** Bottled water should be used for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), brushing teeth, washing dishes, making ice and food preparation until further notice.
- **DO NOT TRY AND TREAT THE WATER YOURSELF.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, adding chlorine or other disinfectants, or letting water stand will not make the water safe. The Water Treatment personnel will be maximizing the treatment for this contaminant.

We are waiting for further instruction from the IEPA. We will inform you when tests show that the water is safe once again.

Timeline: We are testing daily and we are unsure when this will be recended.

For more information call:

Water Utility contact: Water Plant – 217-234-2454

Local County Health Department: 217-348-0530

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Please share this information with all other people who receive 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. **Last updated —**

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