



Galway County Council
Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Water Services Section

Boil Water Notice from 8th March, 2010.
Gort Water Supply Scheme

Galway County Council is continuing upgrading works at the Gort Water Treatment Plant. The purpose of these essential works is to improve the quality of supply.

During the course of the works, water supply in the area will be maintained, and while it will continue to be treated with filtration and chlorination, the Council has decided, purely as a precautionary measure, to put in place a Boil Water Notice for the duration of the works. The Boil Water Notice will be effective from 9.00a.m. on Monday 8th March.

Accordingly, in the interest of public health, it is recommended that all users on the scheme boil water before use. A further notice will issue when the works have been completed and the precautionary Boil Water Notice is lifted.

- Water must be boiled for:
 - Drinking
 - Drinks made with water.
 - Preparation of salads and similar foods, which are not cooked prior to eating.
 - Brushing of teeth.
 - Making of ice.
- Water can be used for personal hygiene, bathing and flushing of toilets but not for brushing teeth or gargling.
- Boil water and allow to cool. Cover and store in a refrigerator or cold place. Water from the hot tap is not safe to drink. Domestic water filters will not render water safe to drink.
- Caution should be taken when bathing children to ensure that they do not swallow the bathing water.
- Discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges. Make ice from cooled boiled water.
- Use water prepared for drinking when preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing salads)
- Prepare baby feeds with water that has been brought to the boil once and cooled. Do not use water that has been reboiled several times. Do not use bottled mineral water unless the concentration of minerals is suitable for infants. If bottled water is used for the preparation of infant feeds it should be boiled once and cooled.
- Anyone suffering from diarrhoea for more than two days should contact their general practitioner and provide a stool sample for testing. They should continue to drink plenty of boiled or bottled water.

Great care should be taken with boiled water to avoid burns and scalds as accidents can easily happen, especially with children.

For general queries, please phone **091- 476401** between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.