



BOIL WATER NOTICE **LETTERFRACK PUBLIC SUPPLY**

Galway County Council wishes to advise consumers of the Letterfrack Public Water Scheme that a recent sample shows the water contains trace elements of cryptosporidium and does not comply with the Drinking Water Standards.

Accordingly, in the interest of public health, it is recommended that all users of the supplies listed above, boil water before use. If you are unsure of the source of your water supply, it is advised to boil your water as precautionary measure.

- Water should not be used un-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.
- 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 (eg washing salads, fruit and vegetables to be consumed uncooked)
- 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 as most brands contain concentrations of minerals that are too high for babies.
- 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.

This procedure should continue until further notice.

The Council regrets the inconvenience caused to the general public and we assure that we are doing everything in our power to rectify the current situation.

Director of Environment & Water.

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