

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Butler Water Treatment Plant has high turbidity levels

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

If you need assistance in obtaining bottled water, please contact us at 973-838-7208.

We routinely monitor your water at the treatment plant for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply to remove organic matter and possible disease-causing organisms. A water sample taken 6/24/24 showed a peak turbidity level of 8.34 nephelometric turbidity units which is above the standard of 1 nephelometric turbidity unit. Because of the high levels of turbidity, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- **Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. **

- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking this water.

What is being done?

We are working diligently to restore the treatment process to the optimal performance. We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 72 hours.

For more information, please contact Keith Smith at (973) 838-7200 x.413 or 1 Ace Road, Butler, NJ 07405. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**Please share this information with all the other people who drink 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 or mail. **

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