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Village Manager's Office

DRINKING WATER ALERT UPDATE

The Village of Deerfield water has been found to be contaminated with fecal coliform. **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING.** Fecal coliform bacteria was found in the water supply on 8/12/13. This bacteria can make you sick, and is a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

The Village of Deerfield is conducting a series of water tests throughout the system. As of noon today, preliminary tests results have come back negative for any contamination. The Village of Deerfield will continue to follow Illinois EPA prescribed protocols and anticipates continuing with a boil water order through mid-day tomorrow.

Residents will be notified when the boil water order is lifted through all of the Village's regular means of communication, including the Village's dial out system, e-blasts, press releases and the Village's website, www.deerfield.il.us.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for the Village's notification system at, <http://www.deerfield.il.us/residents/alerts.aspx>

What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for 5 minutes, 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.

Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

The symptoms above can result from many causes other than 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 about drinking water from their health care providers.

What happened? What is being done?

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes), a failure in the water treatment process, or through a cross-connection.

For more information, please contact the Village Manager's Office, at 847.719.7400. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

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