

NEWS RELEASE  
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LADWP Customers in Westside Communities Told  
To Boil Drinking Water

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**LOS ANGELES** — Due to a leak in a major water trunk line in the Lower Stone Canyon Reservoir servicing LADWP customers in Westside communities, the California Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, are advising customers located in the areas bounded by the city of Beverly Hills on the east, Sepulveda Blvd on the west, Somma Way on the north, and Santa Monica Blvd. on the south to boil their water before drinking and food preparation. until further notice.

**BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

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Due to the recent event water outage, the California Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, are advising residents of West Los Angeles - Boundaries: Somma Way (North), Santa Monica Blvd. (South), City of Beverly Hills (East), and Sepulveda Blvd. (West) to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution.

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, **let it boil for one (1) minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

- An alternative method of purification for residents that do not have gas or electricity available is to use fresh liquid household bleach (Clorox®, Purex®, etc.). To do so, add 8 drops (or 1/4 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of clear water or 16 drops (or 1/2 teaspoon) per gallon of cloudy water, mix thoroughly, and allow to stand for 30 minutes before using. A chlorine-like taste and odor will result from this purification procedure and is an indication that adequate disinfection has taken place.

- Water purification tablets may also be used by following the manufacturer's instructions.

We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. For more information call the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power at 1 (800) DIAL-DWP, or the California Department of Health Services at (213) 580-5723.