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Orcas Island: Olga residents urged to boil drinking water

OLYMPIA — A boil-water advisory is now in effect for the 130 homes and five businesses on Orcas Island who are served by Olga Water Users, Inc., after a water main break occurred Tuesday, April 22.

The boil-water advisory is necessary due to the potential of harmful contaminants being sucked into water lines when the system lost pressure. The Department of Health recommends that Olga customers boil any tap water they will use for drinking, brushing teeth, preparing food, making ice, or washing dishes. To disinfect the water, heat it to a brisk boil for one minute and allow it to cool before using.

The agency is working closely with the water system operator, who has repaired the main break and is refilling the storage tank. The operator increased chlorine levels in the system to kill any bacteria in the water, flushed the water lines, and collected water quality samples.

The boil-water advisory will remain in effect until a lab tests show the water is safe to drink.

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