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Boil-water advisory issued for Canterwood water system near Gig Harbor

OLYMPIA — Peninsula Light Co. is urging customers of the Canterwood water system in Pierce County to boil their drinking water. Potentially harmful *E. coli* bacteria were detected in the water today after routine water quality sampling.

The system, which serves 780 homes and the Canterwood Golf and Country Club just north and west of the city of Gig Harbor, is managed by Peninsula Light for the Canterwood Water Company.

As a precaution, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department is requiring the country club's restaurant to close until the advisory is lifted.

Additional water samples were collected today by water system staff to confirm the presence of *E. coli*. Results from those samples are expected to be back on Saturday, Nov. 8. The distribution system will be flushed with chlorine as an added safeguard to kill any bacteria that may be present.

Tap water used for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, washing dishes or making ice should be heated to a brisk boil for one minute and allow it to cool before use. It's safe for customers to use tap water for other purposes such as bathing or washing clothes.

State health officials are working closely with the water system to help them find the source of the contamination and eliminate it.

Customers who have questions about their water can call 253-857-5950.

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