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Boil-water advisory issued for Raft Island water system in Pierce County

OLYMPIA — Customers of the Raft Island Water System in Pierce County should boil their drinking water after a routine sample taken this week tested positive for the potentially harmful *E. coli* bacteria.

This water system serves about 520 people in Carr Inlet west of Gig Harbor.

E. coli bacteria can cause gastrointestinal illness. To kill the bacteria, customers should boil tap water they'll use for drinking, brushing teeth, preparing food, making ice, and washing dishes. Water should be heated to a brisk boil for one minute and then allowed to cool before use.

The water system owner and operator, Washington Water Service Company, has collected additional samples and is working closely with the Department of Health to confirm the contamination shown in the original test results.

The advisory will remain in effect until the water meets safe drinking water standards.

Customers with questions about their water quality can call Washington Water Service at 253-851-4060 or toll free at 877-408-4060. A map showing [the affected service area](#) is available on the company's website.

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