



# News Release

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## **Boil-water advisory issued for City of Raymond in Pacific County**

**OLYMPIA** — Recent heavy rain and flooding has affected drinking water in the city of Raymond in Pacific County. Residents of Raymond in Pacific County should not drink the water without boiling it first.

The city's water system serves about 3,000 people in Raymond. The city routinely monitors water for turbidity, or cloudiness, which can show whether the water is being filtered properly. The cloudy appearance of the water is no indication of health risks. However, it can interfere with the chlorine disinfection, which means organisms that cause disease may be in the water.

Bacteria, viruses, and parasites can cause nausea, cramps, and diarrhea. Residents 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 city is adjusting the treatment and has collected additional samples. The city staff is working closely with the state Department of Health to address the problem.

The [advisory will remain in effect](#) until the water meets safe drinking water standards.

Customers with questions about their water quality can call the City of Raymond at 360-942-4271 and check the [city's website](#).

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