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Boil-water advisory issued for Sea Cliff Estates water system in Gig Harbor

OLYMPIA — Washington Water Service Company issued a boil-water advisory today, June 6, to some customers of the Sea Cliff Estates Water System in Pierce County after potentially harmfully *E. coli* bacteria were detected in the water.

This water system, which is a few miles northeast of Gig Harbor, serves about 2,363 people (910 homes). However, the advisory is only for the approximately 600 homes south of Point Richmond Drive NW and Hallstrom Dr NW. Boil-water notices will be hand-delivered to each affected home.

Customers in zones not affected by the boil water advisory (those whose homes are north of Point Richmond Drive NW and Hallstrom Dr NW) will not receive boil water notices but may visit the [water services' website](#) for more information. A map showing the affected service area is available on the website.

Washington Water Service Company, which owns and operates the water system, is working closely with the Department of Health to track down the source of contamination.

The bacteria were found in routine water quality monitoring samples. *E. coli* can cause gastrointestinal illness. To kill the bacteria, the Department of Health recommends that residents 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 allowed to cool before use.

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.

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