



# News Release

**For immediate release:** December 9, 2015

(15-200)

Contacts: [Kate Lynch](#), Communications Office 360-236-3259  
[Sharon Moysiuk](#), Communications Office 360-236-4074

## **Long Beach without water due to construction accident**

*Residents and businesses of Long Beach should use bottled water or boil their water*

**OLYMPIA** -- Long Beach residents and businesses were left without water Wednesday after a construction accident severed the main water line into the city.

The city issued a health advisory urging residents and businesses to boil their water or use purchased bottled water after service is restored. The advisory affects 1,835 homes and 238 businesses. Pacific County Health Department is working with food service establishments on safety procedures during the outage. Long Beach is located in Pacific County, 68 miles west of Longview, and 112 miles northwest of Portland, Oregon.

The water line break occurred while county crews were felling a large tree during road construction work. When the tree landed, it sank through rain-soaked soil and broke the water main leading from the water treatment plant into town. The health advisory is necessary because potentially harmful contaminants can enter water lines when water pressure is lost.

When water service is restored, residents should boil any water they will use for drinking, brushing teeth, preparing food, washing dishes, making ice or making baby formula. To kill germs, the [state Department of Health](#) recommends heating the water to a brisk boil for one minute and allowing the water to cool before using it.

The advisory will remain in effect until water quality tests indicate the water is safe to drink. Residents who have questions about their water can call the city at 360-642-4421.

The [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, [find us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).

###