

DRINKING WATER WARNING

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BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

The Herring Bay Water System *uses a surface water source 'without' adequate treatment (no chlorine or filtration)* and has tested positive for bacteria in the past, and using it for potable purposes without boiling first may be harmful to your health. Some types of bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Bacteria indicate that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What is being done?

The Mountain Point Water System will continue to provide a drinking water warning to your water system users on a monthly basis. We anticipate resolving the problem when connecting your water lines to Mountain Point's treated water system later this year. For more information, please contact Ketchikan Gateway Borough Utility Supervisor, Don Astry at (907) 254-6800 or by mail at 1900 First Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.