

LOSS/CONTAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLY

If water supply is disrupted or contaminated for any reason, the following steps will be taken by staff on duty until the restoration of a safe water supply.

Procedure:

1. All efforts will be made to determine the cause for water disruption and the probable length of shutdown and if a "Boil Water" order has been issued.
2. Shut down any and all ice dispensing, coffee, tea and water dispensing machines that use the contaminated water source.
3. Obtain a copy of the Boil Water procedures from, the appropriate department of Public Health.
4. Contact patients in affected area and review Boil Water procedures.
5. Suggest use of bottled water, canned juices and other fluids for consumption by patient, with consideration of any dietary restrictions.
6. Use disposable dishes and utensils, if possible.
7. Use bottled water/boiled water for handwashing and food prep.
8. If it becomes apparent that a water shortage will last for an extended length of time, emergency measures may be issued by the state.
9. Continue to monitor patients for ongoing needs.