

## **DRINKING WATER WARNING**

*Fort Belknap Agency Water System had a potential water contamination*

### **BOIL YOUR WATER FOR THREE MINUTES BEFORE USING**

The Fort Belknap Agency water system was shut down on 12/17/2025 due to the severe high winds across the state of Montana. This led to a piece of the roof of the Agency water storage tank to blow off. Such a system failure carries with it a high potential that fecal contamination or other disease-causing organisms could enter the distribution system. These conditions may pose an imminent and substantial health endangerment to persons served by the system.

What should I do?

- DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a rolling boil for at least (3) three minutes, 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. ALL STORED WATER, DRINK OR ICE MADE RECENTLY FROM THIS SUPPLY SHALL BE DISCARDED.
- Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- 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 happened? What is being done?**

A section of the roof blew off of the water storage tank at the Agency. We are covering the hole with a tarp until we find a permanent solution to fix the roof. For more information, please contact Water Plant Manager Gene Talks Different at 399-1644.

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, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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