

# TOWN OF BRANFORD

Office of the Mayor

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Clerk's Office

DATE 8-26-16

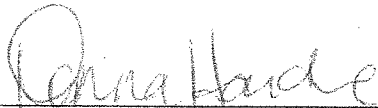
## RESCISSION OF PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE

TO: RESIDENTS OF TOWN OF BRANFORD, LIVING IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY (STREET, AVENUE OR OTHER DESCRIPTIVE BOUNDARY) \_\_\_\_\_

Entire City Limits

THE (DATE) 8-26-16, "PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE" IS HEREBY RESCINDED FOLLOWING THE (ACTION TAKEN TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM) testing / disinfection AND THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE BACTERIOLOGICAL SURVEY SHOWING THAT THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL TOWN CLERK, DONNA HARDIN AT 386-935-1146.



DONNA HARDIN, TOWN CLERK  
TOWN OF BRANFORD



Branford WTP  
2610109

A review of the bacteriological records has indicated that the above referenced water system tested positive for *E. coli* bacteria at the source water on August 22, 2016. In accordance with 40 CFR 141.402, you must provide public notice for the source water detection. Public notice should be completed in accordance with Rule 62-560.410, Florida Administrative Code (Fla. Admin. Code.).

**As a result of this violation, it is required that this water system issue public notice to the consumers of its water. Public notification is to be issued within 24 hours of this notice.**

At least one of the following methods must be used to issue public notice:

- Radio and television broadcast. A statement from the station will serve as proof of distribution.
- Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area. A copy of the published notice will serve as proof of distribution.
- Hand Delivery and Continuous Posting. Submit a copy of the actual notice posted to serve as proof of distribution. Posting must continue for as long as the violation exists, but in no case less than 7 days, even if the violation is resolved.

**Please note that the public notice must be reissued at least once every 3 months by mail delivery or by hand delivery for as long as the violation exists.**

The attached public notice is appropriate for hand delivery or posting. However, you may wish to modify it before using it. If you do, you must still include all the required elements and leave the health effects language in *italics* unchanged. This language is mandatory. Also, each notice shall be conspicuous and shall not contain unduly technical language, unduly small print, or similar problems, which would frustrate the purpose of the notice.

In your notice, please indicate what might be the cause of the violation and the corrective actions you are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with coliform violations. Use one or more of the following actions, if appropriate, or develop your own:

- We are chlorinating and flushing the water system.
- We are increasing sampling for coliform bacteria.
- We are investigating the source of contamination.
- We are repairing the wellhead seal.
- We are repairing the storage tank.
- We will inform you when additional samples show no coliform bacteria.

Within 10 days after issuing/posting the public notice, you must submit a copy of the attached *PWS Certification of Delivery of Public Notice* form, along with a copy of the notice (as explained above) to this office:

Department of Environmental Protection  
Attn: Potable Water Section

8800 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100  
Jacksonville, FL 32256

If you have any questions, please contact [redacted] or @dep.state.fl.us.

### DRINKING WATER WARNING

Our Water System: Branford WTP is contaminated with Fecal Coliform or *E. coli*

#### BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria were found in the water supply on August 22, 2016. These 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 organism in the water.

*Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause 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?**

Bacteria contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

We are doing the following corrective actions:

Retesting water and disinfecting wells / updated Test's  
have shown absence of E. coli

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We will inform you when test show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 8-26-16.

For more information, please contact Donna Herdwin at 386 935-1146 or contact the Department of Environmental Protection, Potable Water Section at 904-256-1700. 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, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by our water system: Branford WTP

Potable Water System ID: 2610109

Date distributed:

8-24-2016

8-26-2016