

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS of the MAINSIDE WATERWORKS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
BOIL YOUR TAP WATER

Failure to follow this advisory could result in stomach or intestinal illness.

The Virginia Department of Health in conjunction with the Marine Corps Installations - National Capital Region Marine Corps Base Quantico, and the Mainside Water Treatment Plant staff are advising residents to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution. On the evening of September 7, 2026, the Base Main distribution system experienced an uncontrolled loss of positive pressure caused by a suspected water main break, telemetry failure, and the subsequent near-depletion of the 2-million-gallon Below Ground Reservoir (Treated Water Tank). This measure is required due to the potential risk of *E. coli* contamination in the drinking water supply.

The impacted area of this advisory is all of Mainside. Please see the map on page 2 for all impacted facilities.

E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely-compromised immune systems.

DO NOT DRINK TAP WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST

Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, beverage and food preparation, and making ice **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Boiling is the preferred method to ensure that the tap water is safe to drink. Bring all tap water to a rolling boil, **let it boil for one minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water.

If you cannot boil your tap water....

- An alternative method of purification for residents that do not have gas or electricity available is to use liquid household bleach to disinfect water. The bleach product should be recently purchased, free of additives and scents, and should contain a hypochlorite solution of at least 5.25%. Public health officials recommend adding 8 drops of bleach (about ¼ teaspoon) to each gallon of water. The water should be stirred and allowed to stand for at least 30 minutes before use.
- Water purification tablets may also be used by following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Potable water is available at the following locations: for purchase at the commissary or any MCX location.

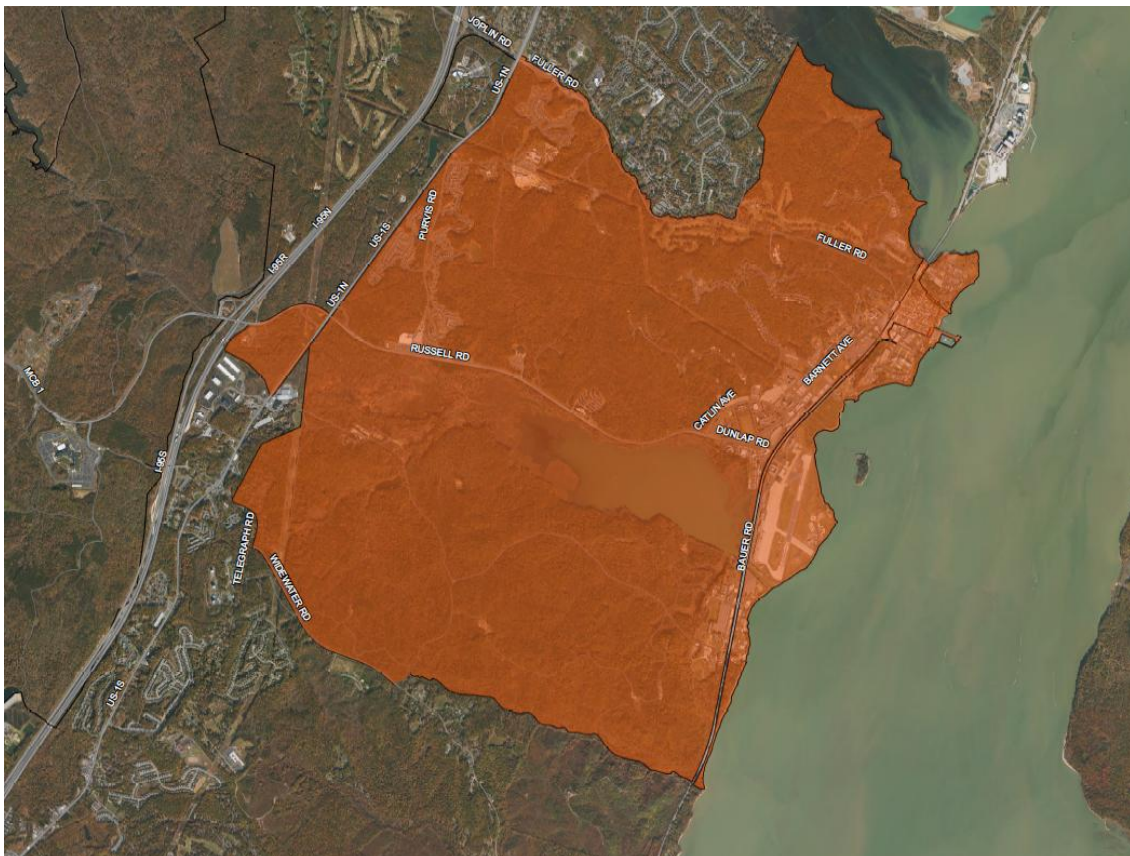
We will inform you when you no longer need to boil your water. To address this issue, crews are actively searching for the water main break and will be making repairs to restore system pressure as soon as possible. Before lifting the boil water advisory, we will conduct water quality sampling in accordance with state and federal drinking water regulations. The advisory will only be lifted once all test results confirm the water is safe to drink. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to restore safe drinking water to the community.

For more information, please contact Dr. HunHo Kim at (703) 432-2466 or 3252 Barnett Ave, Quantico, VA 22134.

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 Marine Corps Installations - National Capital Region Marine Corps Base Quantico, and the Mainside Water Treatment Plant. State Water System ID#: [VA6153675](#)

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Map of Impacted Area