

Paradise Irrigation District (PID) advises bottled water only for drinking, cooking and brushing teeth

Butte County, CA - Wildland Fires have the potential to cause certain contaminants to be present within communities that have been impacted. Paradise Irrigation District's top priority is the health and safety of our customers and therefore the quality of the water that we deliver to them. In an abundance of caution, the District, along with the CA Division of Drinking Water, has taken water samples that will be tested by a state certified laboratory for possible contaminants that may have been introduced into the water system as a result of the Camp Fire. These water quality tests can take up to two weeks to receive the results.

PID is asking customers to promptly report any noticeable odors or smells in the water supply to the office phone, listed below.

The health and safety of our customers is of utmost concern for the District and until we receive these lab results, we highly recommend the following:

DO NOT drink your tap water. **ONLY** use bottled water. Bottled water should be used for:

- all drinking (including baby formula and juice),
- brushing teeth,
- making ice,
- and food preparation.

DO NOT try and treat the water yourself. Because of the nature of the potential water contamination, boiling or disinfecting your water will not make it safe to drink.

ADDITIONALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- Do not allow pets or livestock to consume tap water.
- Limit use of hot water.
- Limit shower time (use lukewarm water and ventilate area).
- Use a dishwasher to wash dishes and use air dry setting.
- Wash clothing in cold water.
- Do not take baths.

- Do not use hot tubs or swimming pools.
- Limit use of water for clean-up of properties and follow Butte County recommendations for protective clothing when on property (<https://buttecountyrecovers.org/re-entry>).

Paradise Irrigation District will continue testing throughout its system on a regular basis as we move forward with repairs and our community rebuilds. The District will share the test results with customers as soon as they are received and will adjust this advisory once we receive conclusive evidence of water quality in the Paradise Irrigation District service area.

Important updates on water quality testing, water advisories for PID customers, processes regarding your meter and service, as well as important steps to take once we turn the system back on, can all be found here and:

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