

# DRINKING WATER ADVISORY

August 25, 2023 4:00 pm. The City of Atkins Water Supply is recommending to boil the water before using for drinking or to use an alternative source.

The City of Atkins Water Supply had a problem in the distribution system and the system lost pressure for about 30 minutes at 10:30am on Friday August 25, 2023. The water pressure was lower for a short time and the pressure has been restored. As a precautionary measure, it is recommended the water be boiled before using for drinking or cooking or that an alternative source be used.

The system has been serviced, repressurized, and bacteria samples have been collected. This advisory is a precaution until bacterial sample results are available. You will be notified when the results are available, and the advisory is lifted. Results are expected Saturday August 26. Visit the City of Atkins web site at [www.cityofatkins.org](http://www.cityofatkins.org) for up to date information.

## **IT IS RECOMMENDED NOT TO 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, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. The water may be used for bathing and other similar purposes.

For more information, please contact Todd Damon *Public Works Superintendent* at 319-202-1022 or City Hall 319-446-7870. 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.

There may be air in your water piping and the water may be discolored. It is recommended to run the first water from a faucet that does not have an aerator screen, such as a bathtub or hose bib. Open the faucet slowly to allow the air to escape. Once the water is flowing, allow the faucet to run until it is clear. The water may be cloudy at first due to air in the water or particles that dislodged as the pipes filled with water. This should clear fairly quickly. If water is cloudy or colored throughout the house and it does not clear after allowing the water to run for several minutes, use an alternative source such as bottled water.

The system is working with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Water Division throughout this process of maintenance and communication.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Atkins, Iowa, Water Supply.

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