



MAINE CDC DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

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Water Contamination: Guidance for Coming off a Do Not Drink Order

Homeowners:

- Flush all lines/faucets in your home
 - Remove aerators from the faucet, and clean them
 - Run the water, both hot and cold until the water runs clear
 - Run the water for an additional 3-5 minutes to fully flush the lines
- Discard any beverages or foods made with the water during the time of the event
- Discard any ice cubes made during the time of the event
- Icemaker/water from refrigerator – flush water line for at least 5 minutes once you no longer see discolored water (if you don't see any discoloration, just run for 5 minutes to be sure the line is fully cleared)

Eating Establishments/Businesses/Schools/Etc.:

- Flush all lines/faucets in your business
 - Remove aerators from the faucet, and clean them
 - Run the water, both hot and cold until the water runs clear
 - Run the water for an additional 3-5 minutes to fully flush the lines
- Discard any beverages or foods made with the water during the time of the event
- Discard any ice cubes made during the time of the event
- Flush equipment with waterline connections for at least 5 minutes. This includes drinking fountains, post-mix beverage machines, spray misters, coffee or tea urns, glass washers, dishwashers, and other equipment with water connections. Clean and sanitize equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Ice machine sanitation:
 - Flush the water line to the machine inlet for 5 minutes.
 - Close the valve on the water line behind the machine and disconnect the water line from the machine inlet.
 - Open the valve, run 5 gallons of water through the valve and dispose of the water.
 - Close the valve.
 - Reconnect the water line to the machine inlet.
 - Open the valve.
 - Flush the water lines in the machine.
 - Turn on the machine.
 - Make ice for 1 hour and dispose of ice.
 - Clean and sanitize all parts and surfaces that come in contact with water and ice, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.