

# UNSAFE WATER ALERT

Este aviso contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Para una copia en español, favor de llamar al sistema de agua al (626) 355-7135.

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**CITY OF SIERRA MADRE WATER SYSTEM experienced wildfire impacts and may have fire related contamination. As a precautionary measure, this notice is being issued until test data is available.**

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## **DO NOT DRINK-DO NOT BOIL YOUR WATER**

**Failure to follow this advisory could result in illness.**

The CITY OF SIERRA MADRE WATER SYSTEM NUMBER 1910148 is located within the EATON FIRE wildfire impact zone; however, the City of Sierra Madre never lost system pressure in any water zone, and the City did not suffer any damage to its critical water infrastructure. The City was able to maintain pressure in all zones within the water system throughout the event. The City conducted an initial assessment of the water system with routine bacteriological samples taken throughout the water system. All samples were analyzed by a third-party certified lab and found absent of coliform bacteria. **As a precaution, the City of Sierra Madre is now required to test for Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs), including benzene. The State Water Resources Control Board, Los Angeles County Health Department, and the City of Sierra Madre are advising residents of the affected area to NOT USE THE TAP WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Due to VOCs ability to vaporize at lower temperatures and become airborne, residents are advised to:

- Limit use of hot water.
- Limit shower time/bathing, and do not take baths (use lukewarm water and ventilate area)
- Use a dishwasher to wash dishes and use air dry setting
- Wash clothing in cold water
- Avoid using clothes dryers (dry laundry outdoors)
- Do not use hot tubs or swimming pools
- Do not use ice from automatic ice makers
- Use proper ventilation when using water indoors

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK YOUR TAP WATER - USE ONLY BOTTLED WATER.** Bottled water should be used for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), brushing teeth, and making ice and food preparation **until further notice.**
- **DO NOT TRY AND TREAT THE WATER YOURSELF.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, adding chlorine or other disinfectants, or letting water stand will not make the water safe.
- A limited amount of bottled water is available at the City Hall.

**UPDATES TO THIS ADVISORY WILL BE PROVIDED BASED ON MONITORING RESULTS.**

For more information, call:626-355-7135

Water Utility contact: Steven McGee, Water Superintendent, Sierra Madre Water Department, tel: (626)355-7135 ADDRESS 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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