



# Town of Empire

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Ramey Environmental, Denver Water, and Colorado Rural Water have completed their exhaustive leak detection testing and have concluded that there were no leaks in the Town of Empire's Public Water Treatment and Distribution System. All detected leaks were on private property and in private residences. Water service has been restored to 100% of the system. The few private taps that are currently turned off have known open faucets, suspected leaks, or known broken lines.

The "Boil Water Advisory" is hereby rescinded. Effective date of this action is April 6, 2022. The Town completed the following actions to facilitate the boil order being lifted:

- o The Town flushed the system and average system chlorine residuals were brought down to normal levels after the flush.
- o The Town provided a written description of flushing activities and confirmation that the lowest chlorine residual at the ends of the system were within acceptable levels.
- o Confirmation that the samples taken were free from the presence of total coliform bacteria.

The Town's water treatment system is producing water above demand, and our treated water storage tanks are 100% full. You can return to normal water usage; however, we do still have cases of bottled water available.

I want to thank all our wonderful volunteers who selflessly gave of their time to man the water tanker, deliver cases of bottled water, help people who needed assistance with water deliveries, post press releases and letters door-to-door, and coordinate contacting people and businesses for donations. Also, a huge thank you to those who have been supporters of the town and shared their historical knowledge of the water distribution system.

I want to express my extreme appreciation to each of you for your patience and understanding of our recent water difficulties. I am aware of the inconveniences it has caused you. You, as the resident, are my primary concern, and we are always striving to improve services provided to you. It was wonderful to see the community pull together and support each other in our time of need.

We are also aware of how difficult it has been for our local businesses to be closed during this time. If you are able, please support our local businesses with your patronage. It will be greatly appreciated. We are all looking forward to the 2022 summer season, let's pull together to make it successful for everyone!

Sincerely,

Wendy Koch  
Mayor of Empire