



# DRINKING WATER WARNING

Town of Empire  
Had a Loss of Pressure

## **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

We have a leak in the distribution which is resulting in a significant loss of pressure in the drinking water system. The distribution leak in combination with seasonally low flow of the Town's source water is preventing the Town's water treatment facility from being able to produce enough water to meet system demands.

NOTE: This advisory is NOT related to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that the "Virus that causes COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water." For additional information on COVID-19 and drinking water, you can refer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's website:  
<https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

### **What does this mean? What should I do?**

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for three (3) minutes, and let it cool before using, OR use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Due to potential COVID-19 concerns, boiling your water is the lowest risk option since you do not need to leave your home.**
- Water main breaks resulting in a loss of system pressure can introduce disease-causing organisms into the water system. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause short-term effects, such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches. The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

- If you have an infant, severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your doctor about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### **What is being done?**

- We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water.
- While water service is unavailable, water is available for pickup from 8am-5pm at Theobald Park adjacent to Town Hall 30 Park Ave Empire CO 80438. The Town has limited supply of containers available for distribution. You will need to bring your own containers to fill water from the water tanker.
- There will also be gallon jugs of water available for pick up from Town Hall from 8am-5pm. The Town is trying to acquire as many gallon jugs as they can but local supplies are limited. Please only take the water you will need.
- Town crews are working to determine the location of the leak and to make repairs as quickly as possible.

We are working to resolve the problem as quickly as possible and anticipate resolving the problem by **3/25/2022**. For more information, please contact **Wendy Koch** at **mayor@empirecolorado.us** or **303-994-7682**, or **30 E Park Ave Empire CO 80438**.

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\**

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