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KDHE Issues Boil Water Advisory for City of Atlanta

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has issued a boil water advisory for the City of Atlanta public water supply system located in Cowley County. This advisory took effect on November 21 and will remain in effect until further notice.

KDHE has issued this advisory due to the loss of pressure resulting from a valve replacement project. Failure to maintain adequate pressure can result in a loss of chlorine residuals and bacterial contamination. Only KDHE can issue the rescind order following testing at a certified laboratory.

KDHE advises customers in the affected area to observe the following precautions until further notice:

- Boil water for one minute prior to drinking or food preparation or use bottled water.
- Dispose of ice cubes and do not use ice from a household automatic icemaker.
- If your tap water appears dirty, flush the water lines by letting the water run until it clears.
- Disinfect dishes and other food contact surfaces by immersion for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.
- Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing so that water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.

For consumer questions, please contact the water system at 620-394-2220, or KDHE at 785-296-5514. For consumer information please visit KDHE's PWS Consumer Information webpage: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/468/Disruption-in-Water-Service>

Restaurants and other food establishments that have questions about the impact of the boil water advisory on their business can contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture's food safety & lodging program at kda.fsl@ks.gov or call 785-564-6767.

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