



# PUTNAM COUNTY

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**For Immediate Release:**

### **Precautionary Boil Water Notice for the Residents of the East Putnam Regional System**

**Palatka, Florida July 15, 2020** - A suspected lightning strike took out a level sensor in the ground storage tank and repairs were made to the affected system and service has been restored. As a result, water pressure went below the minimum standard of 20 PSI, therefore, as a precaution, upon return of water service, we advise that all water used for drinking or cooking should be boiled.

A rolling boil of one minute is sufficient and then allow to cool before use. Boiled water may be used for drinking, cooking, and washing if needed. As an alternative, bottled water may be used. If you have a water treatment device, you still need to boil your water as most water treatment devices are only designed to improve the taste and odor or chemical quality of the water.

What exactly can you do with tap water during a Precautionary Boil Water Notice? Here is a list of “do’s and don’ts” while a Precautionary Boil Water Notice is in effect.

Drinking	No
Ice Cubes	Existing ice cubes should be thrown out
Brushing Teeth	No
Baby’s Formula	No
Washing Fruit and Vegetables	No
Preparing Food	No
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, etc.	No
Laundry	Yes
Washing Hands	You can, but we recommend the use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, bottled water or a mix of warm soapy water with a teaspoon of bleach.
Showers or Baths	Yes, just be careful not to ingest the water while you take a shower. Though the risk of illness is minimal, individuals who have recent surgical wounds, or have a chronic illness may want to consider using bottled or boiled water for cleansing until the boil water notice is lifted.
Washing Dishes	Yes, use hot soapy water and add a tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water and then rinse with boiled water
Dishwasher	Only if there is a sanitizer option

This Precautionary Boil Water Notice will remain in effect until the problem has been corrected and a bacteriological survey shows that the water is safe to drink; which could take from 24 to 48 hours to receive lab results.

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**Affected Areas:**

- US Highway 17 from the Memorial Bridge to Horse Landing Road
- East Palatka, including River Groves.
- Old San Mateo Road.
- Yelvington Road.
- Pico Road.
- Elsie Drive.
- Rio Vista.
- Kane Road.
- All Customers in San Mateo.
- All Customers in Spring Creek, Dunn Avenue, Culpepper Road, Troupe Road, River Shore Drive, Buttonwood, Longview Circle, Riverview Circle.
- All Customers on Roberts Road and roads coming Roberts.
- All Customers on Pinta Road, Santa Barbara, San Jose, San Juan and Santa Cruz.

We apologize for the inconvenience that this has caused you. Please be assured that we are doing all we can to rescind this notice as soon as possible.

Should you require further information, please contact our office at 386-326-7289.

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