

CLEANING & SANITIZING PRACTICES DURING A BOIL WATER ADVISORY

Can tap water be used for cleaning and disinfecting contact and non-contact surfaces?

Yes. Contact surfaces such as door knobs, handles, railings, vanities, etc. and non-contact surfaces such as walls, floors, and ceilings can be cleaned and disinfected using normal routine practices.

Can tap water be used for washing laundry?

During a boil water advisory, tap water may be used for general laundry procedures.

- Wet laundry must be dried in a mechanical drying machine on a normal setting or hotter.
- Consult with Infection Prevention & Control Lead or designate to verify correct procedures for sterile linen processing.

Can medical equipment that is directly connected to the water supply be used?

Generally, no. Any instruments or machines that use water to sterilize and disinfect equipment would typically be affected by a boil water advisory.

- Consult with Infection Prevention & Control Lead or designate before use of any specialized medical equipment directly connected to the water supply.
- Contact Public Health for specific questions related to water quality.