

# UNSAFE WATER ALERT

COUNTY OF VENTURA, WATER & SANITATION experienced wildfire impacts and may have fire-related contamination. As a precautionary measure, this notice is being issued until test data is available.

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**DO NOT DRINK – DO NOT BOIL YOUR WATER**  
**Failure to follow this advisory could result in illness.**

Due to the MOUNTAIN FIRE, some structures in the Ventura County Water and Sanitation District 19 (Somis) were destroyed by fire, and some areas in the water system lost pressure, specifically the pumping 1090 zone which includes West Greentree Dr, Bradley Rd, North Greentree Dr, Ridgecrest Ln and Heatherton Dr. Please see the attached map showing the affected area. These conditions may have caused harmful contaminants, including benzene and other volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), to enter the water system. As a precaution, the State Water Resources Control Board, Ventura County Environmental Health Division, and the Ventura County Water and Sanitation are advising residents of the affected area in District 19 (Somis) to NOT USE TAP WATER FOR DRINKING AND COOKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**Due to VOCs ability to vaporize at lower temperatures and become airborne, residents are advised to:**

- Limit the use of hot water.
- Limit shower time/bathing, and do not take baths (use lukewarm water and ventilate area)
- Use a dishwasher to wash dishes and use air-dry settings
- Wash clothing in cold water
- Avoid using clothes dryers (dry laundry outdoors)
- Do not use hot tubs or swimming pools
- Do not use ice from automatic ice makers
- Use proper ventilation when using water indoors

**What should I do?**

- **DO NOT DRINK YOUR TAP WATER – USE ONLY BOTTLED WATER.** Bottled water should be used for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), brushing teeth, making ice, and food preparation **until further notice.**
- **DO NOT TRY AND TREAT THE WATER YOURSELF.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, adding chlorine or other disinfectants, or letting water stand will not make the water safe.

**UPDATES TO THIS ADVISORY WILL BE PROVIDED BASED ON MONITORING RESULTS.**

If you have questions other than what is provided call (805) 378-3000 and press # to report a water emergency. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. We are closed for Veterans Day on Monday, November 11, 2024.

This notice is being sent to you by Ventura County Public Works Agency, Water & Sanitation Department. Notices will be posted on our website: <https://www.vcpbublicworks.org/wsd/>

