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BOIL WATER ALERT

Coonamble Shire Council (CSC) has issued a **BOIL WATER ALERT** for properties connected to the Coonamble water supply due to a system failure at the water treatment plant.

Water used for drinking or food preparation should be brought to a rolling boil to make it safe. Kettles with automatic shut off switches can do this. Water should then be allowed to cool and stored in a clean container with a lid and refrigerated.

Everyone, particularly people caring for young children, should be careful to avoid scalding, when you are heating and then cooling the water.

Bottled water or cool boiled water should be used for drinking, washing uncooked food (for example, salad vegetables and fruit), making ice, cleaning teeth, gargling and pet's drinking water.

Dishes should be washed in hot soapy water or in a dishwasher. Children should take bottled water or cool boiled water to school.

Tap water is safe for bathing. There is a potential risk if water is swallowed during washing and bathing. Parents and carers could consider a sponge bath for children as an alternative.

This advice should be followed until further notice.

The NSW Health website also includes special considerations for:

- Schools and childcare centres
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/schools.aspx>
- Commercial establishments serving food or drinks
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/foodfacts.aspx>
- Using water header tanks
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/watertanks.aspx>
- Swimming pools and spas
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/pools.aspx>

Coonamble Shire Council will provide regular updates on Coonamble's water supply quality through its webpage and its Facebook page. Updates will also be provided to local services and media.

For information about the boil water notice for Coonamble, please visit coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au.