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Boil Water Notice

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Your private well has been identified as a possible source of Verocytotoxigenic e coli (VTEC) infection. For that reason, as a **precautionary measure**, it is advisable that you boil your water from the well until assessed and tested by the Environmental Health Officer.

I wish to advise you:-

- Water must be boiled for:
 - Drinking
 - Drinks made with water
 - Preparation of salads and similar foods, which are not cooked prior to eating
 - Brushing of teeth
 - Making of ice
- Unboiled water can be used for personal hygiene, bathing and flushing of toilets but not for brushing teeth or gargling.
- Boil water by bringing to a vigorous, rolling boil and allow it to cool. Cover and store in a refrigerator or cold place. Water from the hot tap is not safe to drink. Domestic water filters will not render water safe to drink.
- Caution should be taken when bathing children to ensure that they do not swallow the bathing water.
- Discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges. Make ice from cooled boiled water.
- Use water prepared for drinking when preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing salads).
- It is safe to prepare infant feeds with tap water that has been brought to the boil once and cooled. Do not use water that has been reboiled several times. If bottled water is used for the preparation of infant feeds it should be boiled once and cooled. This is because bottled water is not sterile. Make sure the sodium ("Na") content is not greater than 200mg per litre.
- Anyone suffering from diarrhoea (i.e. 3 or more loose bowel motions in a 24 hour period) should contact their general practitioner and provide a stool sample for testing. They should continue to drink plenty of boiled or bottled water.

For more information, please contact the following:

Siting your well – CONTACT →	Carlow County Council 059-9170300	Kilkenny County Council 056-7752699	Tipperary South County Council 052-6134455	Waterford Council 0818-102020	Wexford County Council 053-9165000
Testing your well – CONTACT →	Carlow Environmental Health Officer 059-9136574	Kilkenny Environmental Health Officer 056-7784016	Tipperary South Environmental Health 052-6177262 052-6177263	Waterford Environmental Health Officer 051-842955	Wexford Environmental Health 053-9114374