

MacKerricher State Park is currently making modifications to the park's water treatment and distribution system to comply with new Department of Health requirements. Until this work is completed, campers should boil all drinking water as a precaution to ensure that the water is safe to consume. Campers will still be able to take showers as normal, but they should boil any water before consumption. State Parks regrets this inconvenience, and is moving as quickly as possible to lift the "boil water" notices. We hope to lift this requirement by approximately July 15.

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Failure to follow this advisory could result in stomach or intestinal illness.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, **let it boil for one (1) minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

Optional alternative to include for prolonged situations where it fits.

- An alternative method of disinfection for those that are not able to boil their water is to use fresh, unscented, liquid household bleach. To do so, add 8 drops (or 1/8 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of clear water or 16 drops (or 1/4 teaspoon) per gallon of cloudy water, mix thoroughly, and allow it to stand for 30 minutes before using. A chlorine-like taste and odor will result from this disinfection procedure and is an indication that adequate disinfection has taken place.
- Water disinfection tablets may also be used by following the manufacturer's instructions.

For more information call:

Water Utility contact: [Guy Burnett, 12301 N. Hwy 1, Mendocino Ca 95460, \(707\) 937-3762.](tel:7079373762)

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