

# News Release

## Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

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in Jefferson Parish.”

Aaron F. Broussard  
Parish President

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## Boil Water Advisory for The West Bank of Jefferson Parish- Excluding Gretna and Westwego

In conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Jefferson Parish Water Department is issuing a Boil Water Advisory for the West Bank of Jefferson Parish as a precautionary measure due to loss of water pressure at the West Bank Water Plant.

Today, the West Bank Water Plant lost power between 1:42 p.m and 2:09 p.m. The power was restored to the plant within 15 minutes.

All residents are urged to boil or disinfect their water by one of the following methods before consuming it, also making ice, brushing teeth or using it for food preparation:

**-Boil the water for a one full minute in a clean container. The one minute starts after the water has been brought to a rolling boil. The flat taste can be eliminated by shaking the water in a bottle or pouring it from one container to another.**

**-Disinfect the water by mixing 1/8 teaspoon of unscented, liquid chlorine laundry bleach with one gallon of water and letting it stand for at least 30 minutes prior to consumption. Be sure to mix it thoroughly. If the treated water has too strong a chlorine taste, it can be made more palatable by allowing the water to stand exposed to the air for a few hours or by repeatedly pouring it from one clean container to another.**

This **BOIL WATER ADVISORY** will remain in effect until rescinded by Jefferson Parish Water Department or the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. Bacteriological samples must be collected and analyzed from the distribution system to assure the water meets potable water standards.

For more information, please contact the Jefferson Parish Water Quality Lab at 504-838-4300.

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