

**GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME –
NOTIFICATION OF BOIL NOTICE**

Dear Sir/Madam

Following consultation with the Health Services Executive and Limerick County Council a “**boil notice**” is now in place on the _____ Group Water Supply Scheme.

All members are notified of the following as a matter of urgency:

- Water must be boiled for drinking, brushing teeth and food preparation.
- Boil the water for a minimum of 10 minutes in a rolling boil and then allow to cool. Cover it and store in a fridge or cool place. Water from the hot tap is not safe to drink. Domestic filters will not guarantee that water is safe to drink.
- Ice cubes in refrigerators and freezers should be discarded.
- Use water that has been prepared for drinking (i.e. that is boiled) for preparing foods that will not be cooked e.g. for washing salads.
- It is safe to drink commercial bottled mineral water.
- Prepare baby feeds with water that has been brought to the boil once and cooled. Don't use water that has been re-boiled several times. If tap-water is unavailable, use bottled water that has been brought to the boil and cooled. Avoid using water that is fizzy unless boiling has removed all the fizz. Check the label: water in bottles labelled “Natural Mineral Water” is not required to meet all the standards of tap water. Don't use natural mineral water with concentrations greater than the following for infant feeding:

Sodium	150 milligrams per litre (mg/l)
Nitrate	50 mg/l
Nitrite	.01 mg/l
Sulphate	250mg/l

- Water may be used for the flushing of toilets and for personal hygiene and bathing.
- Water may be used on internal house plumbing system.

Yours faithfully
