

**INCIDENT:**                      **Thousands Told To Boil Drinking Water in Far North Fort Worth**  
**LOCATION:**                      **Fort Worth, Texas**  
**SOURCE:**                      **CBSDFW**  
**DATE OF INCIDENT:**        **February 4, 2016**

Thousands of residents and businesses in parts of North Fort Worth are being told not to drink the tap water. The City issued a boil water notice a little after 2 a.m. The notice will be in effect until at least Friday.

Problems with the water were caused after an operational error led to the draining of an elevated water tank, which resulted in a drastic drop in pressure in parts of the water system. The loss of pressure means harmful bacteria and other microbes could get into the water. City crews were out at daybreak, running tests to run for contamination.

Information sent out explained that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires that customers be notified that water in the area is not fit for consumption and should be boiled prior to ingesting. Residents were also reminded that water used for cooking or making ice should be brought to a vigorous, rolling boil. The boil notice does not apply to water used for flushing, bathing or washing.

City officials said water for the area wasn't drained randomly. "The water was all sent out of the tank and not filled. The water wasn't wasted or anything in this case... it was there, but because the tank was taken down we may have lost some pressure in parts of the system."

The loss of water will also mean a loss of profits for some businesses. All restaurants and food preparation areas in deli and bakery sections of grocery stores will remain closed until boil water notice is rescinded. Officials have specified that business whose primary function is not food preparation such as nursing homes and daycare centers can remain open as long as they provide their clients with pre-packaged foods and only use water that is safe for consumption.