

*****LIFTED*** BOIL WATER NOTICE ***LIFTED*****

The Boil Water Notice, which applied to the homes and businesses located along Route 52 (Fishkill Avenue) from Conklin Street to the city boundary, and was issued on January 7, 2026 is now lifted.

What Happened?

On January 7th, 2026 at around 930 AM, a 10 inch water main broke between Route 52 and the Fishkill Creek. Due to difficulty finding the correct valves and location of the leak, the leak wasn't completely isolated until around 3 PM. The leak and shutoff resulted in a portion of the water system to lose system pressure along Route 52 from Conklin Street to the city boundary

Harmful microbes in drinking water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms and may pose a special health risk for infants, some elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. But these symptoms are not just caused by microbes in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you should seek medical advice.

What was Done?

A Boil Water Notice was issued to the homes and businesses located on Route 52 (Fishkill Avenue) from Conklin Street to the city boundary on January 7th, 2026. Emergency repairs were completed and afterwards we collected two rounds of water quality samples per the Dutchess County Department of Health to be analyzed at a state-certified laboratory. The results were satisfactory, so the Health Department rescinded the boil water notice.

What Are the Next Steps?

- **Flush household pipes/faucets first:** To flush your plumbing, run all your cold water faucets on full for at least 5 minutes each. If your service connection is long or complex (like in an apartment building) consider flushing for a longer period. Your building superintendent or landlord should be able to advise you on longer flushing times.
- **Flush all food or beverage equipment that may have come into contact with tap water, such as beverage machines, coffee makers, dishwashers, refrigerator taps and ice makers.** Check manufacturer's recommendations to see if they provide a disinfection procedure. Run equipment for a full cycle and flush to waste.
- **Automatic ice makers:** Dump existing ice and flush the water feed lines by making and discarding three batches of ice cubes. Wipe down the ice bin with a disinfectant. If your water feed line to the machine is longer than 20 feet, increase to five batches.
- **Hot water heaters, water coolers, in line filters, and other appliances with direct water connections or water tanks:** Run enough water to completely replace at least one full volume of all lines and tanks. If your filters are near the end of their life, replace them.
- **Water softeners:** Run through a regeneration cycle.
- **Reverse Osmosis (RO) units:** Replace pre-filters, check owner's manual.
- **Replace other water filters, as they are disposable and may be contaminated.** This applies especially to carbon filters and others that are near the end of their life.

For more information, please contact:

Your water system operator, The City of Beacon Water Department, Inc. at (845) 831-3136, or the Dutchess County Dept. of Health at (845) 486-3404.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.