



14 November 2022 - 8pm
Central Tablelands Water - Eugowra Township Drinking Water
Reticulation Network - Boil Water Alert
Poor raw water quality or treatment failure

Recent conditions due to extreme flooding have caused problems with water treatment making drinking water in the **Eugowra Township Drinking Water Reticulation Network** unsafe.

Water used for drinking or food preparation should be brought to a rolling boil to make it safe. Kettles with automatic shut off switches can do this. Water should then be allowed to cool and stored in a clean container with a lid and refrigerated.

Everyone, particularly people caring for young children, should be careful to avoid scalding, when you are heating and then cooling the water.

Bottled water or cool boiled water should be used for drinking, washing uncooked food (e.g. salad vegetables and fruit), making ice, cleaning teeth, gargling and pet's drinking water.

Dishes should be washed in hot soapy water or in a dishwasher. Children should take bottled water or cool boiled water to school.

Tap water is safe for bathing. There is a potential risk if water is swallowed during washing and bathing. Parents and carers could consider a sponge bath for children as an alternative.

If you cannot boil the water, unscented household bleach (containing 4% – 5% available chlorine) may be used. Add 2 drops of bleach to 1 litre of water (or 4 drops if the water is cloudy), mix well, and allow to stand for 30 minutes before use.

Central Tablelands Water will continue to work to restore the Eugowra Township Drinking Water Reticulation Network when flood waters recede allowing safe access to the affected area to rectify the issue.

This advice should be followed until further notice.

The NSW Health website also includes special considerations for:

- Schools and childcare centres
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/schools.aspx>
- Commercial establishments serving food or drinks
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/foodfacts.aspx>
- Using water header tanks
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/watertanks.aspx>
- Swimming pools and spas
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/pools.aspx>