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## **BOIL WATER NOTICE**

Village of Cato Residents  
Residents on Rte. 370 between the Village of Cato and the Village of  
Meridian

# **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

**Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using.** Or use bottled water certified for sale by the New York State Department of Health. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

This Boil Water Notice applies to the residents who receive water from the Village of Cato.

### **What Happened?**

On October 19, 2021, the water system's disinfection system malfunctioned. Disinfection is used to destroy harmful microbes that can be in drinking water.

*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 is being done?**

The repairs will be made as soon as possible and then the Village will take samples to confirm there is no contamination in the distribution system. It is anticipated that the Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the end of the week. The Health Department will notify residents of the Village of Cato when they no longer need to boil their water.

**For more information, please contact:** the Village of Cato at the following numbers (315) 626-2397, 315-447-6089, or 315-350-9648, or the Cayuga County Health Department at (315)-253-1560.