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Health Department recommends Daytona North residents boil water

**October 11, 2016** – The Flagler County Health Department is recommending that residents living in Daytona North – serviced only by private wells – boil their water as a safety precaution.

Florida Power & Light is in the process of restoring power to residents, with 650 customers still awaiting service. Daytona North was affected by the outage, with some customers still waiting for the power to be restored.

“We are recommending they boil their water because they lost water pressure when they lost power,” said John Bey, Environmental Administrator at the Flagler Health Department.

Water used for drinking and cooking should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute, or as an alternative, eight drops of unscented bleach should be added to a gallon of water for 30 minutes. If the water is still cloudy afterward, another 8 drops of bleach should be added and left to sit for 30 minutes.

Water with sediment should be filtered through either a coffee filter or a sheet. There is no set time frame for residents to boil their water.

“You really don’t know the quality of your water unless you test it,” Bey said.

The Flagler County Health Department will test water free of charge for residents whose wells were flooded during the storm. A special container is required for testing that are also available at the Health Department.

The Health Department is located at 301 Dr. Carter Blvd., Bunnell. The phone number is 386-437-7350.

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