Greene County Health Department



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Public Service Announcement

Attention Jasonville Residents:

Due to an ongoing issue at the Jasonville Water Plant, there is no running water available in our town. We understand that this situation is challenging and inconvenient, and authorities are working diligently to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

Important Information

- **Health and safety:** Without running water, it is crucial to take extra precautions to maintain hygiene. Use bottled water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene whenever possible.
- **Food establishments:** All local restaurants and food establishments must remain closed until the water supply is restored, unless they have coordinated with the Greene County Health Department to establish a Continuity of Operations Interrupted Water Supply Plan. This measure is essential to ensure public health and safety.
- **Updates:** We will provide regular updates on the status of the water supply issue through local news outlets, social media, and community bulletin boards. Please stay informed and follow any additional guidance provided by local authorities.

Potable water (drinking water), non-potable water (non-drinking water) and hand sanitizer are available as long as supplies last at:

The Old Jasonville Fire House (directly behind Jasonville Utilities) 145 S Lawton Street, Jasonville, IN 47438 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Homebound and senior residents can contact Jasonville Utilities at (812) 665-3285 for help with the delivery of potable and non-potable water.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to resolve this issue. Your safety and well-being are our top priorities. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Powers, MD Health Officer During a water outage, it's important to take specific steps to ensure your safety and maintain hygiene. Here are some guidelines on what to do, how to flush toilets and how to stay safe.

What to Do During a Water Outage

- 1. **Stay informed:** Keep an eye on official announcements for the latest information and local news.
- 2. **Conserve water:** Keep updated with local news and official announcements regarding the status of the water outage and any instructions from authorities.
- 3. **Support each other:** Check on your neighbors, especially those who may need extra assistance during this time.
- 4. **Store water:** If you have advance notice of a water outage, fill bathtubs, sinks and any available containers with water.
- 5. **Use bottled water:** Use bottled water for drinking, cooking and brushing teeth. If bottled water is not available, boil water for at least one minute to make it safe for consumption.

How to Flush Toilets Without Running Water

1. **Using water in the tank:** Check if there is water in the toilet tank. If so, you can flush the toilet once by using the handle as usual.

2. Manual flushing:



Method 1: Pouring water into the bowl

- Fill a bucket with about 1-2 gallons of water.
- Pour the water into the toilet bowl quickly and forcefully to create a siphon effect that will flush the toilet.



Method 2: Filling the tank

- Remove the toilet tank lid.
- Fill the tank with water up to the fill line.
- Replace the lid and flush the toilet using the handle as normal.

How to Stay Safe During a Water Outage

- 1. **Hygiene:**
 - Use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
 - Use disinfecting wipes for cleaning surfaces.
- 2. Food Safety:
 - Use bottled or boiled water for food preparation and cooking.
 - Avoid using tap water until it is declared safe by authorities.
- 3. **Health Precautions:**
 - Avoid consuming water from unknown sources.
 - If you have any health concerns, contact local health services for guidance.

By following these steps, you can manage the challenges of a water outage while maintaining safety and hygiene. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, call the Greene County Health Department at (812) 384-4496.