



# CITY OF ESPAÑOLA

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Española, NM –

Update and Health Information for Española Water System Users

On March 6, 2019, the City of Española was informed that a testing sample from November 2018 indicated that the levels of nitrate in the City of Española drinking water were slightly in excess of Environmental Protection Agency standards. Subsequent testing in January 2019, however, has indicated that nitrate levels are now under the threshold. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious concern for infants less than six months old, pregnant women and individuals with compromised immune systems.

The City of Española is taking this violation extremely seriously and is doing everything possible to establish short and long term solutions. We are collaborating with our area governmental agency partners regarding best practices for blending strategies, including Santa Fe County and the New Mexico Environment Department. Long term, we are looking to upgrade our water treatment infrastructure. We will continue to do everything possible to assist our residents.

The following precautions may be taken, should you feel the need:

- Infants, pregnant women and individuals with compromised immune systems should drink bottled water or other water. This includes use in juice, formula and food preparation.
- Do Not Boil the Water! Boiling, freezing, filtering or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can actually make the nitrates more concentrated.

In an effort to offer added support, those women who are pregnant or those with infant children under 6 months, may access bottled water at the following locations:

City of Española, City Hall  
405 North Paseo de Oñate  
Española, NM 87532

Women, Infants & Children  
2010 Industrial Park Rd  
Española, NM 87532

We will continue to monitor this situation closely and will provide updates on our website and social media.

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