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Boil Water Order issued for private wells in Baker, Early and Mitchell counties

Residents using private wells that have been flooded by the recent severe weather should take precautions against waterborne illnesses by boiling well water for two minutes and then straining it before consumption, Southwest Health District Environmental Health Director Dewayne Tanner warned today.

"Southwest Health District has issued a Boil Water Order for private wells in Baker, Early and Mitchell counties," Tanner said. "Under the Boil Water Order, residents in these areas should limit consumption to bottled water or boil well water for two minutes at a rolling boil and strain it before using it to brush their teeth, prepare food or drink."

Water need not be boiled for other domestic activities, such as washing laundry or bathing, he said.

"We are also aware of localized flooding in other parts of the district," said Tanner. "If you are concerned about contamination of your well water, please contact your county health department, and an environmental health specialist will test it." Fees for testing well water will be waived for residents in flooded areas.

Information on well water disinfection and other flood-related material is available at the Southwest Health District web page, www.southwestgeorgiapublichealth.org.

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Baker	Calhoun	Colquitt	Decatur	Dougherty	Early	Grady
Lee	Miller	Mitchell	Seminole	Terrell	Thomas	Worth