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Pets wells remain closed; boil order issued

A boil order has been issued today for all water taken from the artesian wells at Petrifying Springs Park, also known as wells #1 and #4, since Saturday, Kenosha County Parks General Manager Jonathan Rudie said.

Rudie said the water has tested positive for fecal coliform bacteria.

The wells at the park have been closed since Saturday following torrential rains on Friday night, Rudie said. As a result, there should not have been water taken from the wells since Saturday. However, Rudie said it was important to inform the public about the presence of the bacteria and to urge caution.

Any water that had been taken from the wells should be boiled for a minimum of one minute at a rolling boil before being consumed, according to the Kenosha County Health Department.

Toilets are running only in the YMCA Outpost and at the Area 4 washroom, he said.

Parks department employees are following Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources guidelines and are chlorinating the wells. The wells will remain closed until the water again tests free of bacteria, Rudie said.

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