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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

A precautionary **Boil Water Notice** has been issued for Tripoli from Monaco to the dead end near Paola.

As a precaution, for food or beverages that you wash or mix with water and for all water consumed directly:

**Boil water for at least one (1) minute after it reaches a rolling boil, use bottled water, or disinfect water by putting 8 drops (1/4 teaspoon) of Unscented Bleach in each gallon of water (you MUST let it stand for 30 minutes).**

**General Instructions:**

- Shut off and don't use water spigots with special filters on kitchen sink or refrigerator.
- Ice makers with a piped water source should be turned off until the boil notice is lifted. Discard any ice made during or just after the boil notification. Use bagged ice instead.
- Alternative water sources – boiled/bottled/disinfected - should be used for:
  - Coffee Machines
  - Food Preparation
  - Dental Care/Cleaning
  - Hand washing multi-use utensils, glasses, or tableware in the sink by the wash, rinse, sanitize method is acceptable. To **sanitize**, pour boiling water over dishes after rinsing, or pour water mixed with unscented bleach (1 ½ teaspoons per gallon of water) over dishes.
  - Using the dishwasher is fine if using the **HOT** rinse.
  - Wash countertops and food equipment with the **sanitize** method listed above.
  - Showering is allowed – recommended over bathing. Avoid consuming any water.

If you have any questions, please call the City of Punta Gorda Utilities Department (941) 639-2057.

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