

Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
EMERGENCY PLAN – WATER SECURITY

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Applies To:

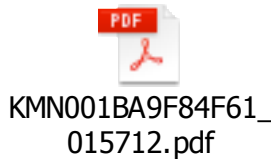
- All Wisconsin Veterans Home at King (WVH-K) staff, members, volunteers and visitors

Purpose:

- To identify responsibilities of individuals and bureaus in the event of lost water supply.

Procedures:

1. In the event of a water outage or contamination, contact Security/Fire at 2222.
2. Security/ Fire will notify Administration, Maintenance Superintendent, Water Plant Supervisor and Water Plant Operator or the designee who controls the water system and makes decisions in the event of an emergency.
3. Implement WVH- K Potable Water Emergency Response Plan and other agreements.



All attempts will be made to determine the cause for the disruption and the probable length of shutdown.

- A. Water loss could be caused by a vandal, a terrorist or a natural disaster such as a tornado that could disable/destroy any of the water systems.
 - B. WVH-K Security will determine if this is a crime scene. If there is any question the event was caused by a terrorist, local authorities are contacted.
4. If necessary, water will be brought in and dispensed as needed. This water supply is only for necessary circumstances, and should be used conservatively.
 5. If it becomes apparent that a water shortage will last for an undetermined length of time, the Administrator will order emergency measures to be taken to insure proper care for those whose care has been disrupted by the lack of water supply.
 - A. If necessary, arrangements will be made to transfer those residents to other facilities for care.
 6. The current potable water system will hold the following amounts when at full capacity.
 - A. Water tower – 250,000 gallons
 - B. Clear well – 168,000 gallons
 7. Need to replace contaminated water supply. Water consumption needs may vary depending on the nature of the emergency.
 - A. Calculate need of expected use of water for both drinking and/or personal needs.
 - 1) A healthy person needs at least 40 ounces of fluid per day to drink.
 - 2) 1 gallon a day is needed to meet both drinking and personal needs.
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/kit/water/>
 - B. Identify items that use water for drinking / oral purpose.
 - 1) Reconstituted juice
 - 2) Coffee
 - 3) Cooking water
 - 4) Bedside water pitchers
 - 5) Brushing teeth / dentures

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- 6) Denture cup water
- 7) Ice machine
- C. Use bottled water for drinking / oral purposes as listed above.
- D. Post notice of water contamination.
- E. Post notice in designated areas in facility not to drink water from faucets.
- F. Bathing
 - 1) Water is safe to bathe in except for residents with large, open wounds, healing incision sites, or IV access.
 - a. Nurse to decide who should not bathe in tap water.
 - 2) Use bottled water or products for a.m. and h.s. cares and bathing residents with open wounds, healing incision, and IV access.
- 8. Run water for five minutes before using after boil warning has ended.