



DRINKING WATER ALERT*

Aqua IL – Kankakee (IL0915030), Peotone (IL1970750), & University Park (IL1975030)
Have Levels of Nitrate Above Drinking Water Standards

**DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO
MAKE INFANT FORMULA**

Los niños menores de 6 meses de edad no deben beber el agua. No use el agua para preparar la fórmula para bebés (biberón). Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. 1.877.987.2782 para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

Water sampling results received on June 7, 2025, showed nitrate levels of 11.9 milligrams per liter (mg/L). This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Nitrate of 10 mg/L.

Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old. Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.* Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.
- Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.
- Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can). However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor

What happened? What is being done?

Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. Recent heavy rains caused fertilizer from fields to runoff resulting in unprecedented levels of nitrates on the Kankakee River. Aqua collects daily screening samples. When the screening results indicated a sudden increase, we immediately collected samples for analysis by EPA-approved methods to determine the actual concentrations. We will continue to monitor the nitrate levels and update customers when levels have returned to normal.

See second page for a list of municipalities affected & bottled water information.

For more information, please contact Paul Burris at 815-650-7033 or 1000 S. Schuyler Ave, Kankakee, IL 60901.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Aqua IL – Kankakee, Peotone & University Park

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Municipalities Affected by this notice:

1. **Kankakee Municipalities served:** City of Kankakee, Village of Bourbonnais, Village of Aroma Park, Village of Bradley, Village of Grant Park, Village of Limestone, Village of Manteno, Village of Peotone, Village of University Park and portions of the townships of Limestone, Bourbonnais, Kankakee, Manteno, Otto, Rockville, St. Anne, Summer, Yellowhead and Aroma.
2. **Peotone Municipalities served:** Village of Peotone
3. **University Park Municipalities served:** Village of University Park, portions of Green Garden, Crete and Monee townships.

Bottled Water Information:

Bottled water will be available at several locations for customers providing water to infants under 6 months old. Please check our website at <https://www.aquawater.com/IllinoisDrinkingWaterAlert> or call 1.877.987.2782 for information regarding specific locations and hours during which bottled water will be available.