# FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT



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## WATER SAFETY AND WILDFIRES

## Public water system:

• If you're on a public water system, follow the directions from your water provider or the utility company. They will notify customers if they will be flushing the water lines and will give you information about flushing the water lines in your home afterwards.

#### Private Well:

- If you're on a private well for your water supply, check the well head and associated equipment (pressure tank, jet pump, etc.) and replace any damaged or destroyed equipment. If the equipment has not been damaged, the system should be usable if this equipment has not been damaged and after flushing the water lines by running water at each faucet for a few minutes each.
- If you need to chlorinate/disinfect your well, contact Fremont County Environmental Health for additional information.

#### Cistern:

- Check the integrity of the cistern and any associated equipment for damage. If everything is in good condition the water in the cistern should be usable.
- If the cistern has a vent and if ash, fire retardant or other debris has gotten into the cistern, the cistern should be drained, cleaned and refilled. Cisterns are typically vented and the vent should always be screened.

Water sample bottles are available at the office of the Fremont County Department of Public Health and Environment, 201 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Canon City, CO 81212, these water samples are tested at the Pueblo City/County Health Department Lab in Pueblo.