



# CITY of IDAHO City

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### **City of Idaho City Provides Water System Update; Boil Advisory Remains in Effect Pending Lab Results 9/3/25**

**Idaho City, Idaho — September 4, 2025 —Special Meeting Update** - During a SPECIAL MEETING September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, the City of Idaho City reports strong progress in stabilizing the municipal water system following last week's storm-related disruption. The City's primary storage tank is now full, and bacteriological test results could arrive as early as Thursday. Until testing confirms the absence of bacteria, the current boil water advisory remains in effect.

The boil water advisory will remain in place until accredited laboratory results confirm the water meets all safety standards. City staff are in daily contact with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and will lift the advisory upon receipt of satisfactory results. The Mayor's emergency declaration issued last week qualifies the City to seek state and federal assistance related to the incident; after review, last night's special meeting, the City Council did not extend the declaration. Community conservation played a decisive role, stretching what was expected to be roughly a day and a half of available water into nearly three days.

To bolster system resilience and reduce future risk, the City and its partners are advancing several near-term actions. The second storage tank is being filled and balanced to increase reserve capacity. Contractor pump-testing for the new wells (infiltration gallery) is being procured and, pending successful results, the wells will be connected to provide a cleaner raw-water source to the sand bays. Design work for highway isolation valves is complete and awaiting Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) approval. Once permitted, the City will install these valves to better isolate and locate leaks along the highway corridor. Repairs to the reverse-osmosis (RO) system are underway to add redundancy to treatment capacity. Public Works will also closely monitor creek conditions and, when sediment levels are high, temporarily shut off that source to prevent sand bay clogging.

Mayor Ken Everhart thanked residents, local partners, and volunteers for their rapid response and continued cooperation. "This community came together at a critical moment—from cleaning the sand bays to conserving water—and that teamwork made the difference," said Everhart. "We appreciate everyone's patience as we complete required testing to ensure the water is safe."

A very special thanks to Idaho City Public Works Department, Tami Claus, Nick Mancera & Austin Day, City Hall, Kaleb Goodlett. Councilor Tom Secor, Boise County Sheriff Scott Turner, Boise County Emergency Manager Jordan Jones. A couple of Basin School District teachers came, Natalie Kulick and Jason Roeber. Coach Roeber also enlisted the help of about half a dozen High School football players. Idaho City Officer Jake Nye was there, and two representatives from Idaho Rural Water brought up the water trailer and then stayed and helped with the cleaning. Carter Elliott and Becca Barrow with the Chamber of Commerce provided lunch for the volunteers in addition to purchasing 200 cases of water that were distributed to residents. Idaho City Grocery, Bobby Mathews for donating drinks and snacks throughout the day. The Idaho City Fire District helped donate a large number of cases of water to the citizens of Idaho City. The City of Horseshoe Bend for donating \$500 to help with costs. Mayor Everhart once again expressed his thanks and added that this would not have happened at the speed that it did if it were not for the commitment of this community to help in a time of need.

Residents should continue to follow the boil water advisory until the City issues an official update lifting it and monitor the City's official communication channels for the latest information and guidance.

**UPDATE: Idaho City, Idaho — September 5, 2025 —After receiving clear bacteria testing, the Boil Order is no longer in effect, and alternate watering days may begin with keeping in mind conservation.**

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