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DWS Circular Letter 2020-59

TO: Local Health Departments
FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW
DATE: August 7, 2020
SUBJECT: Temporary Drinking Water Filling Station Guidance

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The Department of Public Health is aware that many residents are experiencing power outages and may be without water. Local emergency shelters and municipalities may be establishing temporary filling stations to provide access to safe water. The DPH Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch has developed a guidance document to share with these emergency centers.

The use of temporary/emergency filling centers to provide potable water is generally discouraged due to the difficulty in assuring the safety and security of the water. However, during an emergency, it may be necessary to stand-up temporary filling stations to provide drinking water to individuals in impacted areas. Safe water is a necessity and must be available during emergencies. The water supply must be safe and properly handled or additional public health problems may occur. This guidance is intended to be used during emergencies to assist facilities with providing a temporary source of drinking water.

The Drinking Water Temporary Filling Station Guidance document is attached.

Guidance for bulk water deliveries can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Bulk-Water-Hauling>.

For the latest information, resources, and guidance related to coronavirus (COVID-19), visit <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>

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