

Post-Boil Order Instructions and Update for Dental Practices
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The Falmouth Water Department, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has lifted the boil water order for Falmouth Tuesday June 22, 2010. Extensive testing has found water in these communities to be safe for the public.

Dental Practices are reminded to review and implement all CDC Guidelines as well as manufacturer instructions for dental offices immediately following a boil water order.

A link to the CDC that provides information for dental offices during and after a boil water order is available at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/infectioncontrol/factsheets/boilwater.htm>

A link to the CDC publication—Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Healthcare Facilities—is available at

http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/eic_in_HCF_03.pdf

Dentists should consult with the manufacturer of their dental unit or water delivery system to determine the best method for flushing dental unit water lines. All dental personnel should review and implement sections of the CDC's 2003 Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Settings which concern Dental Unit Water Lines (DUWL) and the safe delivery of oral health care immediately following a boil water order at

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a1.htm>

If you have any questions relating to dental practice please contact the Board of Registration in Dentistry at 617-973-0970 or by email at dentistry.admin@state.ma.us

The information for the post Boil-Order instructions are provided by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health.