



COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
Division of Environmental Health Services

Cooper Road Water Treatment System Commissioner's Order **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health issued a Commissioner's Order on September 14, 2019 to vacate the Cooper Road Mobile Home Park due to the lack of a drinkable water, the absence of a water treatment system operator in place, and lack of plan to address the water treatment issue. Water treatment systems require an operator to oversee the system to ensure residents have access to drinkable water.

What does "unfit for human habitation" mean?

Lack of drinkable (potable) water; or the operator has not maintained the water treatment system to standards that protect public health.

- Based on DC San. Code 21.7(B)(1): "kitchen sink in good working condition and properly connected to a water supply system which is approved by the Department and which provides at all times an adequate amount of heated and unheated running water under adequate pressure and which is connected to a sewer system approved by the Department;"
- Based on DC Sa. Code 21.4(B) "lacking the facilities required by [the sanitary code]"

How does this affect me?

The water provided by the water treatment continues to be non-potable (not for drinking). A Boil Water Notice is currently in effect

Do I have to leave?

Yes, you are not safe living in this area. There is no drinkable water and this is a detriment to public health, resulting from a non-functioning water treatment system. You are required to vacate by October 15, 2019. Support services and resources may be available to you through the

Department of Community and Family Services:

- Housing: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Community-Family-Services/Housing-Assistance.htm>
- Temporary Assistance: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Community-Family-Services/Temporary-Assistance-TA.htm>

Where can I go for additional information?

The Department of Behavioral & Community Health has created a website for Cooper Road residents to get more information: www.dutchessny.gov/CooperRoad