How can you use water right now?

Water meets ALL state and federal standards. These standards take into account all the ways we use water in our homes. The water in your tap right now is safe to drink and use in your daily household needs, like cooking food or boiling pasta, bathing, cleaning and other household uses. You can use it to make tea or coffee.

Can water be boiled?

Anytime nitrate concentrations are above 7 mg/L, it is not recommended to boil water for drinking, especially for pregnant women and infants under the age of six months. Boiling increases the nitrate concentrations.

We are continuing to see nitrate fluctuations in both the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers. The lawn watering ban will remain in effect due to reduced treatment capacity resulting from the current nitrate concentrations.

All water produced by Central Iowa Water Works meets all safe drinking water standards.

