# Thames Water issues warning to Bramley residents over water quality concerns



Thames Water has advised residents of Bramley, Surrey, to avoid using tap water for drinking, cooking, or brushing teeth due to a "possible deterioration" in water quality. This notice, affecting up to 616 homes, was issued on May 31, 2024, as a precautionary measure to ensure public health and safety.

In response, bottled water stations are being established in Bramley. This measure follows a similar situation in Brixham, Devon, where contaminated water led to an outbreak of cryptosporidiosis, a diarrhoea-inducing illness caused by a parasite found in animal waste. Brixham residents have been boiling their water since May 15, 2024, and South West Water attributed the contamination to a damaged valve potentially allowing animal waste to enter the supply.

The UK Health Security Agency is investigating both incidents. In Bramley, Thames Water is taking preventive measures by replacing sections of the local water pipes.