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Two weeks without running water: A reality for some Clinton County residents

Some residents of Clinton County are going on two weeks without running water, forcing them to use public toilets and catch rainwater to bathe.
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Tarter is just one of many residents in Clinton County still without water amid the State of Emergency that was issued as a result of the water shortage.

"The city people have water, but out here in the county, we don't, and some people have water for just a little bit and it comes right back off. And then they're back to the same thing," Tarter said.

Although parts of Clinton County have successfully restored normal water usage, some who live in more rural parts of the county travel from their homes to acquire the water needed to perform basic necessities.

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This includes using public showers, going to laundromats, and picking up cases of water bottles provided by emergency services.

"We have some good neighbors that have got water on tanks and we fill our 5-gallon buckets and then that's how we have to flush our toilets," Tarter said.

The surrounding community has been extending a helping hand to those in need.

"I think they're all kind of looking out after each other, you know, picking up water for each other, you know, and making sure they've got what they need," said Volunteer at Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief Barry Toman.

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Toman is a resident in Clinton County, whose water has already been restored.

However, when his faucets were not running, aside from taking showers, or washing dishes, Toman had another big concern: making sure his 36 chickens didn't go thirsty.

"We were out at our house for like two days completely without water and the concerns are taking showers, flushing the toilets and feeding your animal," Toman said. "My chickens. They're my babies. So ... they're first in line. I had to make sure they were taken care of."

After collecting rainwater for baths, cooking full course meals for families with no running water to wash dishes, and bringing neighbors gallons of water when they had none, many in Clinton County are left wondering when they will have running water in

Crews remain working to restore water for all parts of Clinton County.

[Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief](#) is scheduled to continue their free shower and laundry services until Jan. 31 until further notice and is located at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1096 in Albany.

[Clinton County Emergency Management](#) will continue to give out cases of water to residents.

More information regarding details relating to resources for residents experiencing water loss can be found in the article below.

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Gov. Beshear: Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park To Offer Showers and Water for Clinton County Residents

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 22, 2024) – Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park will offer assistance to residents of Clinton County affected by the water shortage from Tuesday, Jan. 23, through Saturday, Jan. 27.

The city of Albany in Clinton County is experiencing water shortages due to broken waterlines following severe winter weather. County and city officials have declared a local state of emergency.

"Team Kentucky is committed to helping our families impacted by the water shortage in Clinton County. By offering these resources, we hope we can alleviate some of the burden," said **Gov. Beshear**. "Our Kentucky State Parks remain a vital support system to the communities they serve and are stepping up once again. Thank you, Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park, for assisting those in need."

One hour of free showers will be available to households on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors must bring towels, washcloths, soap and toiletries with them.

Drinkable water will also be provided. Residents must bring personal containers as receptacles will not be provided.

For questions, please contact Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park at 270-433-7431.

Thus far, Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM) has facilitated the delivery of 25 pallets of water and is processing a request for an additional 44 pallets to be delivered Tuesday, Jan. 23.

In coordination with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, KYEM has also facilitated the delivery of non-potable water as requested by affected poultry farms within the county.

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UK extension agents help with water shortage relief efforts in Clinton County

University of Kentucky extension agents are working with local agencies to distribute water to local producers' livestock in Clinton County, Ky. — addressing the recent water shortage emergency due to freezing temperatures.



Local producer at the Clinton County Extension Office retrieving water from tank. Photo provided by Christy Stearns.



By Christopher Carney

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ALBANY, Ky.—The Clinton County extension office <http://clinton%20county%20extension%20office/>, part of the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Cooperative Extension <https://extension.ca.uky.edu/> Service, is aiding local communities impacted by water shortage issues. Because of the recent wintery weather, broken waterlines have resulted in days-long water outages for residents in Clinton County.

Contacted by local and state emergency services management, the extension office was asked to help formulate a plan to supply water to producers' horses, cattle, backyard flocks and other livestock.

Local livestock producers and emergency management teams secured and filed a 2,200-gallon tank at the Clinton County Extension Office. They partnered with the Albany Fire Department to transport water from neighboring counties.

"I knew we had access to a nurse tank, courtesy of Huff Farms, that we could use if the Fire Department could get the water," said Colby Guffey, Clinton County extension agent. "Once the tank was established, we tried to get the word out through social media and word of mouth."

Within an hour, producers were accessing the tank and hauling away needed water for their livestock. The response was strong, which increased the need for more water capacity.

"During the first day, it was clear we needed to expand," Guffey said. "William Allen of Wayne County provided a second tank to help meet the need. So far, producers have accessed approximately 15,000 - 18,000 gallons of water for livestock use."

Along with the Albany Fire Department and local and state emergency management, city and county government workers also helped address the water shortage and secure resources from state and federal agencies along with other support.

The Albany Fire Department and neighboring departments supported the large water volume needs of commercial poultry houses.

Departments hauled thousands of gallons of water to houses, working until late into the evening.

"The number of partners assisting in the water outage issue has been phenomenal," said Christy Stearns, Clinton County extension agent. "Our community has benefitted from frontline workers, water access and collection efforts from several neighboring counties."

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture supplied six pallets of water and businesses, like Warner Fertilizer, assisted in unloading. KYEM secured pallets of bottled water for distribution. Several churches volunteered, giving out cases of water to families in need.

Organizations, such as The Medical Center at Albany, opened their facilities for people to take showers. The Veteran of Foreign Wars secured mobile shower and laundry units. The school district provided grab-and-go meals for children.

"Even in challenging times it's encouraging to see so many partners working to assist families in our community," Stearns said. "Extension is about meeting local needs. This was one small way we could do our part."

The Clinton County extension office is located at 2601 Business Hwy 127 N Albany, KY 42602. Connect with the office at <https://clinton.ca.uky.edu> <<https://clinton.ca.uky.edu>>, by email at clinton.ext@uky.edu or phone at 606-387-5404.

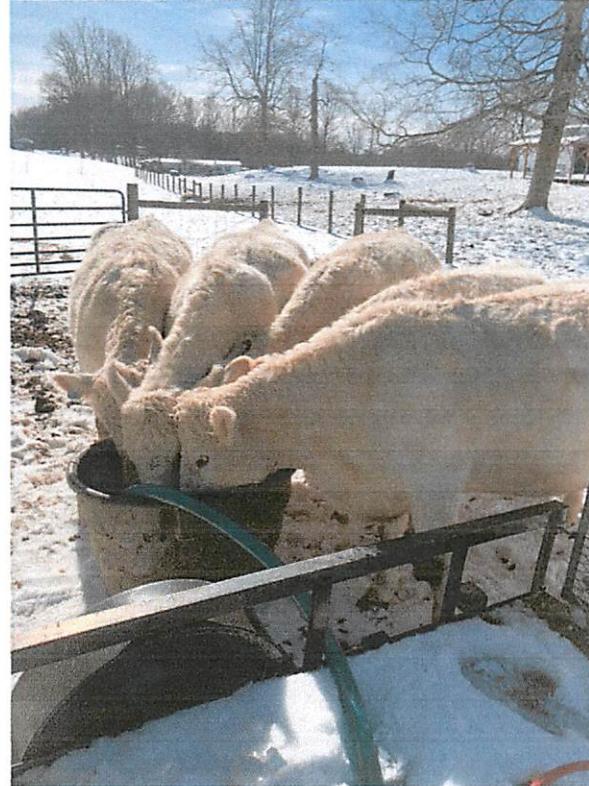
"We're just helping people," Guffey said. "It's what we do."

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Livestock drinking, transported from the water tanks made available at the Clinton County extension office. Photo provided by Christy Stearns.