

Mom-to-be tires of cleaning solo in a house full of slob

DEAR ABBY: I am 7-1/2 months pregnant, living with my fiance, his cousin, his cousin's girlfriend and her little brother, who she has custody of. (He will be 18 in a few months.) I do all the house cleaning and have for the last year and a half. I constantly pick up after them.

The cousin's girlfriend ("Queen Slob") is the worst of the bunch. She doesn't clean up after herself at all. She leaves a trail — drops her purse on the table, doesn't throw away her trash and leaves dirty dishes everywhere. I have tried not picking up after Queen Slob and everyone else, but they are either so dumb or inconsiderate that they don't put two and two together and realize it's not magic and someone is cleaning up after them.

How do I nicely express that I'm fed up with being the only one who keeps the house clean without coming off like a crazy pregnant lady? I'm running out of energy. I have been trying to clean for my baby shower, but I'm getting nowhere because every time I clean something, I have to do it again the next day. I also can't get the house ready for the arrival of the baby. It's not going to be fair to my baby if Mommy has to clean up someone's mess before I feed him.



DEAR ABBY

help me.

— STOP THE BULLYING
DEAR STOP THE BULLYING: If I were in your situation, first, I'd keep a record of these instances. Then I would try to talk to the girl's parents. If they were uncooperative, I'd then address my concerns to the school board in my community. And, if nothing changed, I would contact an attorney who specializes in cases of discrimination.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for 26 years. I have been engaged a couple of times since, but never made it back to the altar. My ex-wife has now permanently separated from her second husband. I have helped her financially and emotionally through a couple of stressful situations in the interim due to her second husband.

I became available again myself about 18 months ago, so I have been considering inviting her to dinner to help her relax and give her someone to talk to other than family. The problem is, she still seems to regard me as "the enemy." She will speak to me, but it's just bare bones conversation. I have never stopped loving her. Should I ask her to dinner or just let things be?

— STILL LOVIN' MY EX
DEAR STILL LOVIN': I wish you had mentioned what destroyed your marriage 26 years ago. Whatever it was, because your ex still seems to regard you as "the enemy," in spite of the fact that you have helped her financially and emotionally, I don't think what you have in mind is feasible. Sometimes it's safer to love someone from a distance, and this may be one of them.



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Workers with Gelco Construction install a water pipe in Warm Springs on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

Warm Springs residents able to drink clean water

Some residents concerned that clean water problems will continue, however

By Michael Kohn
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BEND — Residents of Warm Springs Indian Reservation are able to drink tap water again without having to boil it first, following a one-week prohibition from drinking water that may have been contaminated because of pressure losses caused by planned repairs.

The restriction was lifted midday Thursday, according to a letter from the Warm Springs public utility obtained by The Bulletin. Authorities completed two rounds of testing for bacterial contamination with all results returning negative.

An aging water distribution network — with some pipes more than 40 years old — is taking its toll on the reservation. Warm Springs residents have endured five boil water notices this year, the longest one lasting more than two months, from mid-June to mid-August.

Emergency responders spent the week distributing water to residents, with 800 to 900 gallons going out per day from a community center. Because of freezing temperatures, the responders were simultaneously operating a warming shelter nearby.

"The challenges were finding volunteers to man the center and get water delivered to elders," said Danny Martinez, emergency manager for the reservation. "Between the warming shelter and the water distribution center, it was

exhausting." Martinez said while repairs will allow clean tap water to flow again, more work is needed for a lasting repair. Cold weather and freezing pipes has slowed progress on overhauling the system.

"The situation is not resolved. There are still a lot of repairs needed. Once the weather improves, we'll start the repairs again," he said.

Residents were relieved that the notice was lifted, but many have expressed frustration that more boil water notices are likely.

"We know that federal funding probably won't happen, so it's going to be a problem for a long time," said Carina Miller, a research analyst for the Warm Springs Community Action Team, a nonprofit that helps in local business growth.

weather

TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Clear	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Times of clouds and sun	Mild with clouds and sun
Baker City 24 Comfort Index™ 10	60 24 10	58 22 8	57 25 7	58 28 8
La Grande 31 Comfort Index™ 9	60 30 10	55 26 9	55 37 6	60 40 8
Enterprise 30 Comfort Index™ 9	57 28 8	53 27 9	54 35 9	59 37 10

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Saturday	55°	55°	58°
Low Saturday	15°	18°	18°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Saturday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal month to date	0.05	0.13	0.16
Year to date	7.14	13.10	25.85
Normal year to date	8.30	12.96	17.71

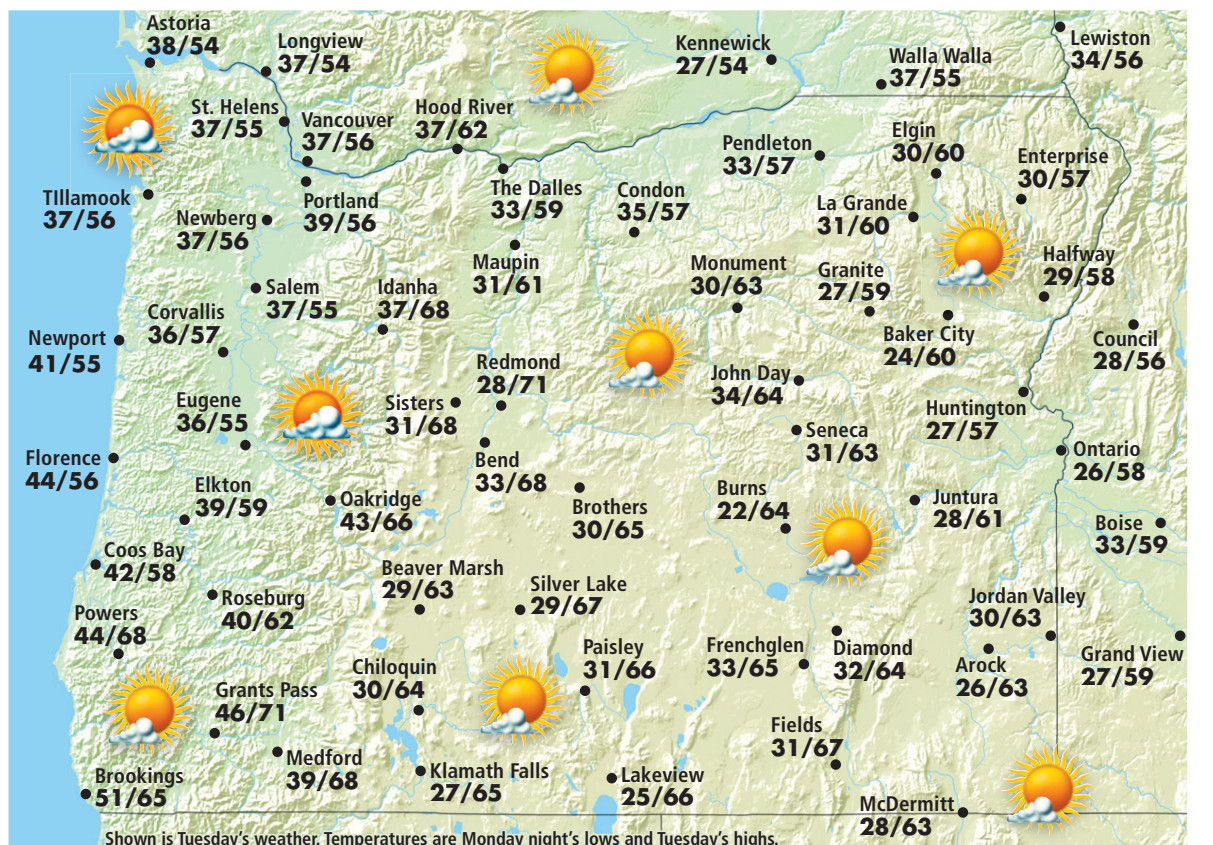
AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	8.0
Evapotranspiration	0.07

RESERVOIR STORAGE	(through midnight Sunday)
Phillips Reservoir	22% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	30% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	62% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	28% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	26% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	30% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS	(through midnight Saturday)
Grande Ronde at Troy	744 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	13 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	56 cfs
Minam River at Minam	131 cfs
Powder River near Richland	33 cfs

SATURDAY EXTREMES
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 93° Immokalee, Fla.
Low: -14° Antero Reservoir, Colo.
Wettest: 1.93" Stuart, Fla.
OREGON
High: 72° Medford
Low: 14° Rome
Wettest: none

WEATHER HISTORY			
Until a cold wave on Nov. 4, 1991, sent temperatures down to 3 below zero, Minneapolis had never had subzero cold so early. However, this city has endured January mornings with temperatures of 40 below zero.			
SUN & MOON			
MON.	TUE.		
Sunrise 6:35 a.m.	6:36 a.m.		
Sunset 4:36 p.m.	4:35 p.m.		
Moonrise 1:40 p.m.	2:09 p.m.		
Moonsset 11:24 p.m.	none		
MOON PHASES			
First	Full	Last	New
Nov 4	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES	TUE.	WED.	TUE.	WED.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	54/37/pc	58/41/pc	Lewiston	56/34/pc
Bend	68/31/pc	57/27/s	Longview	54/40/pc
Boise	59/33/s	58/33/pc	Meacham	58/28/s
Brookings	65/49/pc	71/48/pc	Medford	68/37/pc
Burns	64/22/s	63/21/pc	Newport	55/40/pc
Coos Bay	58/40/pc	60/42/pc	Olympia	54/36/pc
Corvallis	57/33/pc	57/34/pc	Ontario	58/26/s
Council	56/31/s	57/28/pc	Pasco	55/28/s
Elgin	60/31/s	55/27/pc	Pendleton	57/32/s
Eugene	55/34/pc	57/34/pc	Portland	56/39/c
Hermiston	55/28/s	54/27/pc	Powers	68/42/pc
Hood River	62/36/pc	57/35/pc	Redmond	71/28/s
Imnaha	62/32/s	57/31/pc	Roseburg	62/38/pc
John Day	64/33/s	57/31/s	Salem	55/35/c
Joseph	57/29/s	53/27/pc	Spokane	51/30/s
Kennewick	54/30/s	54/29/pc	The Dalles	59/33/s
Klamath Falls	65/27/s	64/26/pc	Ukiah	61/28/s
Lakeview	66/28/s	65/24/pc	Walla Walla	55/34/s

RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY	
ANTHONY LAKES Mostly sunny	45 23
MT. EMILY REC. Mostly sunny	52 30
EAGLE CAP WILD. Mostly sunny	46 22
WALLOWA LAKE Mostly sunny	57 29
THIEF VALLEY RES. Mostly sunny	60 24
PHILLIPS LAKE Mostly sunny; mild	59 27
BROWNLEE RES. Mostly sunny	61 31
EMIGRANT ST. PARK Mostly sunny	57 27
MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny	59 33
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Mostly sunny	60 30

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