

REMINDER NOTICE

Boil Water Advisory Update

This Notice is to remind all water users that the boil water advisory issued to the Rivers water system on April 20, 2015 is still in effect.

The advisory remains in place due to the absence of water treatment equipment that is specifically designed to reduce the risks of microbiological contamination. Consuming water from a poorly treated water supply can lead to gastrointestinal-related symptoms, such as diarrhea and nausea. If you are experiencing on-going gastrointestinal-related symptoms or are under the care of a physician, please discuss water use with your physician as you may need to take added precautions in addition to those provided below.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Until further notice, all water should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute before it is used for:

- Drinking and ice making
- Beverage preparation, such as infant formula
- Preparing food; including washing fruits and vegetables
- Brushing teeth

If boiling is not feasible, an alternate and safe supply of water should be used; i.e. bottled water. It is **not** necessary to boil tap water used for other household purposes, such as laundry or washing dishes. Adults and older children that are able to avoid swallowing the water can wash, bathe, or shower. Young children should be sponge bathed.

To avoid burn injuries from hot water, caution should be taken. Please keep young children away from boiling water. Place kettles and pots away from counter and stove edges.

DURATION

The estimated completion date for the new water plant is summer 2017. The advisory will remain in effect until the new water treatment plant is commissioned to the satisfaction of the Office of Drinking Water and Manitoba Health. You will be notified when the advisory has been rescinded.

Please share this information with other people who use the tap water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, renters, tenants, staff or clients). This notice can also be posted in common areas where people tend to gather.

Factsheets for additional information on water use and boil water advisory precautions are available on the Office of Drinking Water website at: www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Regional Drinking Water Officer at 204-570-1405 or Health Links at 204-788-8200 (toll free at 1-888-315-9257).