

NOTICE

BOIL WATER ADVISORY FOR ALL ANNAPOLIS ROYAL WATER UTILITY USERS

Due to apparent contamination of the Water Utility and the possibility of unsafe water, consumers are advised to boil all water for at least one (1) minute before drinking, making infant formulas, preparing juices and ice cubes, washing fruits and vegetables, cooking, dental hygiene or any other activity requiring human consumption. This is to be done until further notice.

An information line for the general public is set up at Town Hall.

This line will be available between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

The number is 902 532 2043 ext 102.

Updates will be on our website at www.annapolisroyal.com and our Facebook page.

A fact sheet on water usage when a Boil Advisory is in effect is attached. “Note: it maybe revised as necessary to reflect the varying circumstances.”



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Fact Sheet on Domestic Water usage when a Boil Advisory Is In effect when Total Coliforms are present and Fecal Coliforms are absent.

Disinfecting Water:

Water can be disinfected by boiling. Bring water to a rapid boil and maintain the boil for at least one (1) minute.

Store the boiled water in the refrigerator in containers which have been rinsed with boiled water.

Only Boiled Water Should Be Used For:

- Drinking;
- Making infant formulas, coffee and tea or mixing juice from concentrate etc;
- Making Ice cubes;
- Washing food which will be consumed uncooked such as fruit or vegetables.
- Cooking
- Dental Hygiene
- Any other activity requiring human consumption

It is not necessary to use Boiled Water for:

- Washing and bathing;
- Laundry;
- Washing floors; and
- Dishes that are rinsed with hot water or air dried

Note: For Hot Tubs and Whirlpools, follow the manufactures instructions.

Fact Sheet on Domestic Water Usage when a Boil Advisory Is in effect when e.coli is absent and e.coli is present.

Disinfecting Water:

Water can be disinfected by boiling or by adding household bleach.

Boiling: - Bring water to a rapid boil and maintain the boil for at least one (1) minute.

Adding Bleach: - Use household bleach for (5.25% sodium hypochlorite)

- for washing and bathing – 1 cap full of bleach per sink/basin of water, let sit for 1 minute before use
- 3 ounces of bleach per tub of water, let sit for 10 minutes before use
- for whirlpool/hot tubs – follow manufacturer's instructions

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- Dental Hygiene
- Any other activity requiring human consumption

Only disinfected (with Bleach) Water should be used for:

- Washing and bathing;
- Laundry;
- Washing floors; and
- Humidifiers

NOTE: Showering is not recommended if water contains fecal coliforms.

Section 4.4 of the Guideline for Monitoring Public Drinking Water Supplies – Corrective Actions to be Taken when Bacteria are Present

Conditions under which a system that does not meet Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality can possibly operate without posing an unreasonable risk to health.

1. Complete sanitary survey conducted:
 - treatment plant evaluation
 - interviews with system managers and operators
 - distribution systems and management/operations
 - no cross connections, breaks in pipes, back siphonage
2. No e.coli found in any sample
3. Chlorine residual of at least 0.2 mg/L throughout the system
4. Daily monitoring of coliforms and chlorine residual
5. No evidence of waterborne disease outbreak
6. Waterborne illness Surveillance System in place
7. Biofilm control plan (ongoing)
8. Comply with turbidity guidelines in Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality
9. When the membrane filtration method is used in a water sampling program, no single sample should be greater than 500 cfu/ml
10. Water Committee meetings monthly
11. Compare heterotrophic plate counts in treated water at a representative number of sites at least weekly. No single sample should be greater than 500 cfu/ml.