

North Bay Parry Sound District

## Health Unit



Bureau de santé  
du district de North Bay-Parry Sound

# SPRING WATER SOURCES

Springs are often thought of as a safe reliable source of drinking water. However, clear cold water does not guarantee the absence of bacteria, viruses or parasites. Spring water may originate a great distance from its outlet and may have become contaminated along the way. Also the area around the outlet of the spring may have become contaminated by humans or animals.



Because of this uncertainty, untreated spring water cannot be regarded as safe for consumption and should be treated in the same manner as open sources of water such as lakes or streams. Bring to a rolling boil for **1 full minute**. Satisfactory bacteriological results on occasional tests of spring water in no way indicates that the water is safe for consumption at all times.

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