

NEWS RELEASE

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BOIL WATER ADVISORY ISSUED FOR THORNE

Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Jim Chirico has issued a boil water advisory effective immediately, for all residents of Thorne who draw their water from the municipal water system. This advisory was issued due to equipment failure at the water treatment plant resulting in the potential for inadequately treated water.

A boil water advisory means that people who take their water from the municipal system **should not:**

- drink the water
- use it to brush their teeth
- use it to wash foods, such as fruits and vegetables, which will be consumed without cooking

Otherwise, the water is safe for bathing.

Water used for consumption should be brought to a rolling boil and allowed to boil for one full minute before use. For cooking purposes, ensure that the water comes to a full boil.

Health Unit staff will continue to monitor this situation. The Medical Officer of Health will notify the media when the boil water advisory has been lifted.

The operator of the water treatment plant advises that running bleeders with excessively high flow may delay the lifting of the Boil Water Advisory. Residents are encouraged to conserve water as much as possible. However, if a bleeder is absolutely necessary, a single tap running at a trickle no more than a pencil width would be sufficient to keep the water lines from freezing.

For more information, call the Health Unit at 705-474-1400 or 1-800-563-2808 or visit www.healthunit.biz.

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