

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This Advisory applies to all residents and users of the Village of Muenster's Drinking Water Distribution System, and is effective: Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. until further notice.

Pursuant to clause 36(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to a power outage and subsequent depressurization of the Sask Water Wakaw/Humboldt Regional Distribution Supply System and, therefore, the safety of the *Village of Muenster Distribution System* drinking water supply, cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to Clause 36(1)(b) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*, consumers must be notified to:

- (a) boil all water, used for drinking purposes, for at least one (1) minute, at a rolling boil, prior to use;
- (b) boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
 - (i) brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
 - (ii) washing fruits and vegetables;
 - (iii) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated; and
 - (iv) ice cubes;
- (c) not use the water for washing dishes, unless the water has been boiled or the dishes are sanitized in another fashion. Washed dishes and utensils can be soaked in a bleach water solution (approximately 2 tablespoons of bleach per gallon or 10 ml of bleach per liter of water) for at least two minutes after being washed to kill any bacteria which may be present.
Note: **Do not mix bleach with soaps or detergents.**
- (d) not drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
- (e) ensure that younger children and infants are sponge bathed;
- (f) use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water; and
- (g) consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

Under most circumstances, there is no need to boil water used for other household purposes. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine.

This Advisory is effective as of the date and time mentioned above, and will not be lifted until the water supply is determined to be completely safe.

If you require any additional information, please contact the following:

Waterworks Owner Office	306 - 682 - 2794
Water Security Agency-Environmental & Municipal Management Division	306 - 946 - 3233
Water Security Agency - Communications Manager	306 - 694 - 8914 Media Inquiries
Saskatoon Health Region	306 - 655 - 4605

*The water is safe to drink until **9:00 p.m.** this evening (May 12th) when we will start drawing water into our reservoir off the affected lines. If you want to collect and stockpile potable drinking water, you may do so until that time. We will continue to have incoming water for use, it just will not be guaranteed safe for drinking.*

This Advisory will be in effect until further notice. Please check

- *the Village website: villageofmuenster.ca*
- *notices posted around the village, or*
- *listen to 107.5 Bolt FM radio*

for updates and advice on when the Advisory has been Rescinded