



Environmental Protection

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This **Advisory** applies to all users of **Hutterian Brethren Church of Wheatland** and is effective as of 1:00 pm Thursday, September 17, 2009.

Due to the presence of *Escherichia coli* bacteria, the safety of the Hutterian Brethren Church of Wheatland's drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, as a precautionary measure consumers should:

- (a) Boil all water, used for drinking purposes, for at least One (1) minutes, at a rolling boil, prior to usage;
- (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 drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
- (d) Under most circumstances, not need to boil water used for other household purposes, such as laundry. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Dishes may be disinfected by washing in dishwashing machines that have a dry cycle or a final rinse that exceeds 45⁰C for 20 minutes, 50⁰C for 5 minutes, or 72⁰C for 1 minute.
- (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.

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

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