



## Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This **Advisory** applies to all users of the **Village of Mankota** water system and is effective as of 8:15 pm Monday, August 8, 2011.

Due to a system depressurization, the safety of the Village of Mankota 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) minute, 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 45<sup>0</sup>C for 20 minutes, 50<sup>0</sup>C for 5 minutes, or 72<sup>0</sup>C 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:

Village Office	(306) 487-2331
Ministry of Environment - Swift Current Office	(306) 778-8685
Health District	(306) 741-3073
Ministry of Environment - Communication Branch	(306) 787-0195 for Media Inquiries

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### Sampling Procedure

Once the water system is pressurized and will remain that way, the following sampling is required:

1. Take 3 bacti samples from 3 different locations in the distribution system, on the first day. **Be sure to check “Other” on the sample submission forms.**
2. Take 3 bacti samples from 3 different locations in the distribution system (must be different from those taken on first day) on the second day. **Be sure to check “Other” on the sample submission forms.**

Sampling should be conducted early in the week to ensure timely delivery of samples to the lab. Samples must be processed within 48 hours of collection.