

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This Advisory applies to all residents and users of the Village of Markinch and is effective:
September 6, 2013.

The water supply for the Village of Markinch is a shallow well that may be at a higher risk of contamination from surface activity than a typical deep drilled well. Even though Markinch water quality tests have not identified any recent water quality concerns, the risk exists to the source water to be contaminated and the Village's current treatment capabilities will not be able to ensure safe drinking water.

Therefore, pursuant to clause 32(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to the water treatment plant failing to meet minimum treatment standards necessary to address any known or anticipated upset or contamination.

Therefore, pursuant to Clause 32(1)(b) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*, 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 immediately, 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:

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