



Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This Advisory applies to all residents and users of the Hamlet of Ormiston drinking water supply and is effective: December 1, 2010

Pursuant to clause 32(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act 2002* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to risks associated with the Hamlet well being potentially under the direct influence of surface water combined with the lack of treatment at the water treatment plant and therefore the safety of Ormiston's drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. 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) dishwashing, unless sanitized in another fashion;
 - (iii) washing fruits and vegetables;
 - (iv) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated; and
 - (v) 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, not 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:

Rural Municipality of Excel	306-268-4555
Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment Communications Branch	306-787-5796
Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment – Moose Jaw Field Office	306-694-3586
Five Hills Health Region	306-691-1501

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