

PUBLIC NOTICE

PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER ADVISORY

PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER ADVISORY ISSUED TO THE RED RIVER REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN THE RM OF MONTCALM, RM OF RHINELAND, RM OF STANLEY, MUNICIPALITY OF EMERSON-FRANKLIN, BLUMENGART HUTTERITE COLONY AND ROSEAU RIVER FIRST NATION.

Issued by the Medical Officer of Health, Manitoba Health and the Office of Drinking Water, Manitoba Conservation and Climate

December 14, 2020.

Scheduled maintenance to the water system at the Red River Regional Water Treatment Plant Reservoir will lead to the issuance of a Precautionary Boil Water Advisory. It is possible that regular maintenance can compromise the safety of a water supply. A precautionary boil water advisory is being issued beginning at 0800 on December 14, 2020 to ensure the protection of public health in the following locations:

- **RM of Montcalm – includes St. Joseph and, South of PTH 201 West to HWY 75, and East to the Red River. Does not include St. Jean Baptiste**
- **RM of Rhineland – The RM of Rhineland including Gretna, Rosenfeld and Plum Coulee**
- **Town of Altona**
- **RM of Stanley – Reinfeld only**
- **Municipality of Emerson-Franklin – Town of Emerson and all water users served by the Town of Emerson**
- **Halbstadt-Marais Water Cooperative**
- **Altona Rural Water Cooperative**
- **Roseau River First Nation**
- **Blumengart Colony**

RECOMMENDATIONS

Until further notice, all water used for consumption should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute before it is used for:

- Drinking and ice making
- Preparing beverages, such as infant formula
- Preparing food, including washing fruits and vegetables

- Brushing teeth

It is **not** necessary to boil tap water used for other household purposes, such as laundry or washing dishes. Adults and older children that are able to avoid swallowing the water can wash, bathe, or shower. Young children should be sponge bathed. If boiling is not practical, an alternate and safe supply of water should be used for consumptive purposes; i.e. bottled water. [Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #1 - Boil Water Advisory For Manitoba Water System Users](#) contains additional information on water use and can be found on the website below.

All commercial, public and permitted facilities (ex: restaurants, health care facilities, day cares, personal care homes and other private facilities that provide food and water services) must follow water use recommendations from the [Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #3 – Boil Water Advisory For Commercial/Public Facilities](#). A copy of this Fact Sheet is available on the website below.

To avoid burn injuries from hot water, caution should be taken. Please keep young children away from boiling water. Place kettles and pots away from counter and stove edges.

Please share this information with other people who use the tap water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (ex: renters, tenants, staff, or clients). This notice can also be posted in common areas where people tend to gather.

DURATION

The Boil Water Advisory will remain in effect until the water supplied by this water system no longer presents a risk to public health. You will be notified when the advisory has been rescinded.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the RM of Montcalm Utilities at 204-737-2271, the RM of Rhineland Utilities at 204-324-5237, the RM of Stanley Utilities at 204-325-4101, the Municipality of Emerson-Franklin at 204-427-2557, the Pembina Valley Water Cooperative at 204-324-1931, Health Links at 204-788-8200 (toll free at 1-888-315-9257), or the Regional Drinking Water Officer, Kale Black at 204-795-6908.

To review Fact Sheets on water use, please go to www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater or <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/water.html>