

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOIL WATER ADVISORY FOR THE BENITO PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

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

February 3, 2025

A major distribution failure (water main break) on **February 3, 2025**, has led to the loss of water pressure in a portion of the Benito distribution system [**2nd Avenue**]. Distribution depressurization can compromise the safety of the water supply; therefore, a boil water advisory has been issued to ensure public health protection.

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 You will be notified when the advisory has been rescinded.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 water system at 204-734-3344 or the Regional Drinking Water Officer at 204-621-7962, or Health Links at 204-788-8200 (toll free at 1-888-315-9257).

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>