



BOIL WATER ADVISORY (BWA)

A Boil Water Advisory (BWA) is in effect because your drinking water has, or could have, germs in it that can make you sick. To make your water safe for use, bring it to a rolling boil for at least one minute (**cool boiled water before use to avoid risk of scalding**) OR use another safe water source (e.g., commercially bottled water) for any of the following:

- Drinking
- Brushing teeth
- Making infant formula, ice, tea, coffee, drink mixes, puddings, jellios, etc. and discard any of these items that have already been made
- Preparing foods that do not require cooking (e.g., washing fruit or vegetables, etc.)

Washing dishes during a BWA:

- Run household dishwashers on sanitize mode.
- If hand washing dishes, wash using warm, soapy water and then rinse dishes under running water. After washing and rinsing, sanitize dishes by placing them in warm water mixed with unscented, household bleach (mix 1 tsp of bleach per 1 L of water) for 1 minute OR hand wash dishes using commercially bottled water or previously boiled and cooled water.
- Single-use disposable dishes should be used for eating and drinking if you are unable to safely wash and sanitize your dishes.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Do not use auto-shutoff kettles or coffee makers because they do not reach a boiling time of one minute.
- Use hand sanitizer (at least 70% alcohol) after washing hands.
- Contact a health care provider if you are experiencing nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain and/or fever.
- Follow these precautions until you have been notified by the owner and/or operator of the drinking water system, or Algoma Public Health, that the advisory has been lifted and the water is safe to drink.

For more information, contact Algoma Public Health at 705-759-5286 or visit our [website](http://www.algomapublichealth.com).

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