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Water Quality Advisory

In cooperation with the Interior Health Authority, the District of Lake Country is issuing a **Water Quality Advisory to its customers on the Beaver (Swalwell) Lake/Okanagan Lake water source**. This Water Quality Advisory has been issued in anticipation of elevated turbidity levels during freshet and throughout the irrigation season.

What is Turbidity?

Turbidity is a measure of how clear or cloudy the water is and "NTU" is the unit it is measured in. Particles can interfere with the disinfection process and may reduce chlorines effectiveness. Turbidity in the good and fair range are invisible to the human eye.



Health risks increase as turbidity rises, particularly for at-risk populations such as newborns, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems. Contaminants such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites can attach themselves to the suspended particles in turbid water. These particles can then interfere with disinfection, limiting chlorine's ability to remove or inactivate the contaminants.

Who should take these precautions?

- Children
- The elderly
- People with weakened immune systems

What should these customers do?

Until further notice, water intended for the following uses should be boiled for one minute and then refrigerated in a clean, covered container:

- Drinking
- Washing fruits and vegetables
- Making beverages or ice
- Brushing teeth

The District of Lake Country is taking additional measures to reduce risk. Interior Health has been fully involved, and the public will be notified when conditions change or water quality has improved.

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