
BOIL WATER NOTICE LIFTED

Water Quality Advisory now in Effect

The District of Lake Country in conjunction with Interior Health has **LIFTED** the **BOIL WATER NOTICE** for the Oyama Lake Source effective immediately. The Boil Water Notice has been downgraded to a **Water Quality Advisory** for turbidity.

We are pleased to report that recent upgrades to the Oyama Lake source, including a new chlorination facility and reservoir have resulted in improved reliability and water quality.

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.

The water quality is rated as **FAIR**. This means all customers who receive water from these sources are now on an Advisory.



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

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