



# PRESS RELEASE

## WATER QUALITY ADVISORY

UPPER SAGE MESA WATER SYSTEM USERS  
*(Includes Sandstone, Westwood, Husula)*

JULY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is downgrading the Boil Water Notice to a **Water Quality Advisory** (please see information below) for the Upper Zone of Sage Mesa in response to decreasing levels of turbidity in Okanagan Lake. The turbidity at the Okanagan Lake intake for Sage Mesa is now at a “Fair” rating according to the Interior Health Authority’s turbidity index. The Water Quality Advisory will remain in effect until further notice. The Upper Zone of the system includes all properties with the following addresses:

- Sandstone Dr.
- Westwood Dr.
- Ponderosa Pl.
- Sandstone Cres.
- Pinetree Pl.
- Tyrone Pl.
- Sandpiper Ln.
- Estates Pl.
- Forsyth Pl.
- Forsyth Dr.
- Ryan Rd.

Please note, the Lower Zone will remain on the seasonal Boil Water Notice currently in place.

### What is a Water Quality Advisory?

A Water Quality Advisory is a level of notification below a Boil Water Notice. A Water Quality Advisory is used in situations where the general public health threat is modest.

### Who may need additional protection?

- People with weakened immune systems
- People with chronic illnesses
- Infants and children
- The elderly
- People wishing to seek additional protection.



### Precautionary Instructions

Those individuals seeking additional protection are advised to use a safe alternate source of water or to boil water for all drinking, infant formula preparation, brushing teeth, food preparation/cooking purposes and ice making. Water should be brought to a full boil and allowed to boil for at least 1 minute.

The RDOS would also like to remind all business owners/operators (bed and breakfasts) and public facilities operators that it is the responsibility of said establishments to notify their customers of the Water Quality Advisory.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at (250) 490-4106 or (250) 490-4135. Thank you for your cooperation.

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