## NARAMATA WATER SYSTEM WATER QUALITY ADVISORY



July 31, 2021

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) has observed an increase in turbidity levels above normal at the Okanagan Lake intake for the Naramata system. In consultation with the Interior Health Authority (IHA) the RDOS is issuing a Water Quality Advisory effective immediately. It is recommended that citizens who require additional protection as noted below should boil their drinking water for at least one minute before drinking.

The Water Quality Advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

## 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
- Infants and children
- The elderly
- People with chronic illnesses
- 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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