

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOIL WATER ADVISORY **FOR THE NIVERVILLE SPRUCE DRIVE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM** **4-64 Prairie Crossings Court**

Issued by the Medical Officer of Health, Manitoba Health and the Office of Drinking Water, Manitoba Environment, Climate, and Parks

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A water main break has led to intermittent loss of water pressure in the portion of the Niverville Spruce Drive public water system located **4-64 Prairie Crossings Court**. Distribution depressurization can compromise the safety of the water supply. A boil water advisory is being issued to ensure the protection of public health.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Until further notice, all water used for consumption should be brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute before it is used for:

- Drinking and ice making
- Preparing beverages, such as infant formula
- Preparing food, including washing fruits and vegetables
- Brushing teeth

It is **not** necessary to boil tap water used for other household purposes, such as laundry or washing dishes. Adults and older children that are able to avoid swallowing the water can wash, bathe, or shower. Young children should be sponge bathed. If boiling is not practical, an alternate and safe supply of water should be used for consumptive purposes; i.e. bottled water. [Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #1 - Boil Water Advisory For Manitoba Water System Users](#) contains additional information on water use and can be found on the website below.

All commercial, public and permitted facilities (ex: restaurants, health care facilities, day cares, personal care homes and other private facilities that provide food and water services) must follow water use recommendations from the [Boil Water Advisory Fact Sheet #3 – Boil Water Advisory For Commercial/Public Facilities](#). A copy of this Fact Sheet is available on the website below.

To avoid burn injuries from hot water, caution should be taken. Please keep young children away from boiling water. Place kettles and pots away from counter and stove edges.

DISCOLOURED WATER

Following repair work, water users may experience a sputtering water flow or discoloured/dirty water. This is normal and should resolve itself after a few minutes of running a cold water tap. The discolouration is caused when the change in water flow loosens and re-suspends sediments which have accumulated in the water pipes.

It is recommended that you do not use discoloured water for any purposes that require clean water, such as for drinking, preparing food and beverages, or laundry. Discoloured water may contain metals (e.g. manganese) that can have health effects if consumed in large amounts or over an extended period of time. In addition, discoloured water does not taste, smell or look pleasant, and it can stain clothing and other household items.

Discoloured water can be used for other domestic purposes such as washing hands or watering plants. Accidental ingestions of a small amount of discoloured water is unlikely to pose an increased health risk.

If discoloured water persists for longer than 5 minutes after running a tap, or if you have additional concerns, please contact the water system at the number provided below.

DURATION

The Boil Water Advisory will remain in effect until the water supplied by this water system no longer presents a risk to public health. You will be notified when the advisory has been rescinded.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact water system at 388-4600, Regional Drinking Water Officer at 204-371-5065, or Health Links at 204-788-8200 (toll free at 1-888-315-9257)

Please share this information with other people who use the tap water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (ex: renters, tenants, staff, or clients). This notice can also be posted in common areas where people tend to gather.

To review Fact Sheets on water use, please go to www.manitoba.ca/drinkingwater or <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/water.html>