



Update:
**DO NOT DRINK
WATER NOTICE**

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7:00 PM

The Regional District of North Okanagan – Greater Vernon Water (RDNO-GVW), the District of Coldstream and the Interior Health Authority (IHA) advises a **DO NOT DRINK WATER NOTICE** continues for **ALL** residents supplied by the Antwerp Spring well source, impacting water customers in the Lavington and Coldstream area as far west as McClounie Road.

Consultation with IHA and RDNO-GVW will occur on Saturday afternoon and the status or change of the “NOTICE” will be announced to the public at that time.

What should these customers do?

Until further notice, **PLEASE USE A SAFE WATER ALTERNATIVE** for the following uses:

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

District of Coldstream Operational crews are busy isolating, flushing sections and monitoring the water distribution system. Bacterial sampling has increased and some results have been received. Further sampling and results will be received throughout the weekend. An investigation is in the process to determine the contaminant and the risk to human health. A statement from Ministry of Environment can be found at www.rdno.ca or www.districtofcoldstream.ca.

NOTE: Residents of the affected areas may pick up bottled water at the Coldstream Fire Hall and the Lavington Fire Hall until 10:00 p.m. this evening, and then from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday or as required. The District of Coldstream has arranged for additional supplies of bottled water in limited quantities for emergency domestic use.

The shower facilities at the Wesbild Centre are available between 5 a.m. and 1 a.m. for use by residents of the affected area. The Wesbild Centre is located at 3445 – 43rd Avenue in Vernon. Enter at either the “Player” or “Main” entrance and proceed to the lower floor, where directions are posted to the shower rooms. Bring your own towels and toiletries.

If you have any questions, please contact Greater Vernon Water at 250-550-3700. Staff will be available for enquires from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. throughout the weekend. Please check the website for information and further updates at www.rdno.ca or www.districtofcoldstream.ca.

Customers will be advised when water is safe to drink.

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