



GREATER VERNON WATER
and DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

MEDIA RELEASE



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Antwerp Springs Water Source

As of 5:00 pm today, the following notices remain in effect. The “**Do Not Drink Water**” Notice was downgraded to a “**Boil Water**” Notice for those residents living west of Murphy Road and Highway 6. The “**Do Not Drink Water**” Notice remains in effect for residents supplied by the Antwerp Springs well source, living east of Murphy Road at Highway 6. In consultation with Interior Health Authority an Action Plan has been developed that sets out the framework necessary for proceeding.

Notices were hand delivered to all homes in the area downgraded to the “**Boil Water Notice**”. This effort was completed by volunteer teams and we respectfully ask customers to verify their water source if unsure.

For those areas still affected by the “**Do Not Drink**” Notice, emergency water remains available 24 hours a day at the Lavington Fire Hall on a self-serve basis from a water truck. Residents are asked to supply their own water containers, and a security guard is on location if residents require any assistance. Disposable plates and cutlery are also available for pick up at the Lavington Fire Hall.

The shower facilities at the Wesbild Centre are available between 5 a.m. and 12 midnight 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.

Questions related to watering livestock should be directed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands at 250-260-3000.

Regional District of North Okanagan and District of Coldstream staff are working in close consultation with IHA to allow for further downgrades to the status of both areas over the next several days. Greater Vernon Water is also working with IHA to permanently supply Duteau Creek water source to all the Lavington area. Three consecutive sets of samples taken 24 hrs apart must be free of bacteria. The earliest date for change in status will be Wednesday or Thursday night.

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. Please check the website for information and further updates at www.rdno.ca or www.districtofcoldstream.ca.

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