



GREATER VERNON WATER
and DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

MEDIA RELEASE



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Antwerp Springs Water Source

As of 5:15 p.m. today, the following changes have occurred. The **“Boil Water”** Notice is now downgraded to a **“Water Quality Advisory”** 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 a change in status for customers east of Murphy Road.

Notices **WILL NOT** be hand delivered to homes in the area downgraded to the **“Water Quality Advisory”**. For those residents west of Murphy Road on Hwy 6, their water is now supplied from the Duteau Creek Source which has a **“Water Quality Advisory”** in effect. For more information on the **“Water Quality Advisory”**, please see our website at www.rdno.ca.

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.

Regional District of North Okanagan and District of Coldstream staff are working in close consultation with IHA to allow for a downgrade in the **“Do Not Drink”** Notice area to a **“Boil Water”** Notice. The target date and time for the downgrade review is late Thursday, January 21. It is intended that the utility will, upon achieving the **“Boil Water”** status, permanently supply Duteau Creek water to all of the Lavington area. If we receive approval to proceed, notices will be hand delivered to each home with instructions on household flushing procedures prior to any household water use. It will be important to follow the instructions carefully.

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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