

Turbidity triggers BOIL WATER NOTICE

The Village of Ashcroft in conjunction with Interior Health has issued a **BOIL WATER NOTICE** as a precautionary measure for customers on the Village of Ashcroft water supply system effective immediately.

Why has this notice been issued?

Testing shows that current water quality is **POOR** due to increased turbidity, or cloudiness. Health risk increases as turbidity levels rise, particularly for at-risk populations such as newborns, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems.

What does a POOR rating mean?

A poor warning means that all customers should be careful when ingesting the water.

Owners of all public facilities must post Boil Water Notices at all sinks or drinking water fountains accessible to the public (alternatively, public fountains and taps may be turned off). As opportunities arise, they must also advise their clientele verbally of the Boil Water Notice.

Who should be careful?

All customers should be careful when ingesting the water.

What should these customers do?

As a precaution, all water intended for one of the following uses should be boiled for **1 minute**.

- drinking
- washing fruits and vegetables
- making beverages or ice
- brushing teeth

Customers could also choose to use bottled or distilled water, or water that has been filtered through a well-maintained treatment device.

When will this notice be lifted?

The turbidity in the water is the result of an environmental process that is difficult to predict. Interior Health has been consulted, and the public will be notified when conditions change. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly such as those in apartments, rental units or have mobility issues who do not leave their homes regularly.

If you have any questions, please contact The Village of Ashcroft at 250-453-9161 or check our website at www.ashcroftbc.ca or the Interior Health Drinking Water Officer at 250-851-7322.