



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Turbidity triggers** **WATER QUALITY ADVISORY**

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

#### **Why has this advisory been issued?**

Testing shows that current water quality is **FAIR** 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 FAIR rating mean?**

The following sensitive customers should be careful when ingesting water:

- children (0-12 years of age)
- the elderly (65 years of age and older)
- people with weakened immune systems (if unsure consult with a physician)

Owners of public facilities are requested to post Water Quality Advisories 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 Water Quality Advisory.

#### **What should these sensitive 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

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

#### **When will this advisory 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 the Interior Health Drinking Water Officer at 250-851-7322.

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