



# WATER SYSTEM CHLORINATION AND FLUSHING - JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> & BOIL WATER NOTICE UPDATE SUN VALLEY WATER SYSTEM USERS

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen will be temporarily chlorinating and flushing the Sun Valley distribution system on **Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. The **Boil Water Notice** remains in effect during this time and until further notice. Recent samples continue to show elevated turbidity along with periodic low level Total Coliforms in the distribution system. With flushing, there is an increase in the velocity of the water moving through the water mains which typically results in scouring of the inside walls of the piping. This can remove any accumulated sediments and/or biofilms which in turn may result in increased turbidity, discoloration of the water, and Total Coliforms.

If you experience dirty water, simply run your cold water taps only and/or garden hose until the water runs clear. If the water is turbid, minimize the use of hot water until the water clears as this will minimize any sediment from entering into your hot water tank. In addition, residents should check the water quality before laundering of clothing during this time to minimize potential staining or discoloration.

People are advised to use a safe alternate source of water or to **boil water** for all drinking, infant formula preparation, brushing teeth, food preparation/cooking purposes and ice making. Water should be brought to a full boil and allowed to boil for at least 1 minute.

The RDOS would also like to remind all business owners/operators (restaurants, bed and breakfasts) and public facilities operators that it is the responsibility of said establishments to notify their customers of the **Boil Water Notice**.

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at (250) 490-4135 or toll free 1-877-610-3737. For after-hours water emergencies call Regional Dispatch at 250.490.4141.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*If you wish to receive future notification by email as well, please send an email to [info@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca) and remember to include your name, address, and phone number.*