

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This **Advisory** applies to all users of the Thomson Lake Regional Park **SEASONAL** water system and is in effect Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 1:00 pm and will remain in effect until further notice.

Pursuant to clause 36(1)(a) of The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010 this **Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory** is issued due to the startup of the seasonal water system, and therefore the safety of the seasonal drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to Clause 36(1)(b) of The Environmental Management and Protection Act 2010, consumers must be notified to:

- (a) Boil all water, used for drinking purposes, for at least **One (1) minute**, at a rolling boil, prior to usage;
- (b) Boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
 - (i) brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
 - (ii) washing fruits and vegetables;
 - (iii) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated; and
 - (iv) ice cubes;
- (c) not use the water for washing dishes, unless the water has been boiled or the dishes are sanitized in another fashion. Washed dishes and utensils can be soaked in a bleach water solution (approximately 2 tablespoons of bleach per gallon or 10 ml of bleach per liter of water) for at least two minutes after being washed to kill any bacteria which may be present.
Note: Do not mix bleach with soaps or detergents.
Dishes may be disinfected by washing in dishwashing machines that have a dry cycle or a final rinse that exceeds 45°C for 20 minutes, 50°C for 5 minutes, or 72°C for 1 minute.
- (d) Not drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
- (e) Ensure that younger children and infants are sponge bathed;
- (f) Use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water; and
- (g) Consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

If you require any additional information, please contact the following:

Thomson Lake Regional Park	(306) 472 3752
Five Hills Health Region	(306) 691-1500
Water Security Agency - Swift Current Office	(306) 778-8310
Water Security Agency – Communications Manager	(306) 694-8914 – for Media Inquiries



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RE: Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory – Thomson Lake Regional Park – Seasonal Water System

As is required by regulation, you have recently advised the Water Security Agency (WSA) of plans to startup the seasonal water system within the Park. Due to the potential for contamination and low chlorine residuals in the distributed water, the Park must undertake seasonal startup procedures of the water distributions system in accordance with WSA's *Waterworks Start-up Standard EPB 560A* (attached) Although in the past there has been no indication of problems associated with bacteria in the water, the potential for contamination exists. Therefore, effective immediately, WSA is issuing a **Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA)** for the seasonal potable water system within Thomson Lake Regional Park.

We ask the Park to notify all users of the drinking water on this system that they boil the water used for consumption purposes for at least one minute prior to use.

WSA will rescind this advisory following the completion of the start-up procedures, chlorine residuals are satisfactory within the distributed water and a total of six (6) bacteriological samples, (three samples from different locations in the distribution system followed by another three samples 24 hours later) have been collected and analyzed and found to be free of bacteria. Please ensure these bacteriological samples are marked as "Others" in order to expedite their processing.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (306) 778-8310.

For and on behalf of the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency

WATER SECURITY AGENCY

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