



**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
NEW BRUNSWICK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**BOIL WATER ADVISORIES**

A boil water advisory is issued when the Department of Health receives information that indicates a water supply is a health risk for consumers. Advisories on municipal and government owned water supplies are issued by a Medical Officer of Health and recommendations to boil drinking water on private/semi-private water supplies are made by an Medical Officer of Health or a Public Health Inspector .

“During a boil water advisory it is important that all water destined for drinking, preparing infant formulas and juices, washing fruits and vegetables, cooking and dental hygiene be held at a rolling boil for 1 minute. **Unless advised differently by the Department of Health & Wellness**, under most circumstances it is not necessary to boil water used for other household purposes. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Toddlers and infants should be sponged bathed and caregivers need to ensure no water is drunk or swallowed. Dishes and laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine, unless advised differently by a Department of Health & Wellness representative.”

**NOTE: Be very careful when boiling water so as to prevent scalding and burns.** Boiled water should be stored in a refrigerator.