

MEDIA RELEASE

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Water Quality Advisory - Summerland Water System

The District of Summerland wishes to notify all users of the Summerland Water System that a **WATER QUALITY ADVISORY** has been issued.

The Summerland Water Treatment Plant continues to produce excellent quality water, however, water usage in the system has exceeded the maximum output of the Water Treatment Plant and the chlorinated supplemental water line has been opened to make up the deficit. Testing has shown that there is an elevated bacterial count in the raw water which makes it necessary to issue a Water Quality Advisory. Although there is an elevated bacterial count in the raw water, testing indicates there is no increased risk in Summerland's drinking water once the raw water is chlorinated.

Interior Health and the District of Summerland recommend that, children, the elderly, people with weakened immune systems, and anyone seeking additional protection use water that has been boiled or use a safe alternative. Water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

Residents will be notified when the Water Quality Advisory has been lifted.

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