

Lac-Sainte-Marie, June 20th, 2025

PREVENTIVE BOIL WATER ADVISORY MONT-SAINTE-MARIE AREA

It is recommended not to use tap water without boiling it at a rolling boil, during at least one minute, or use bottled water **until further notice**.

Please share this advisory with your friends and neighbours, especially people who are isolated or in precarious health.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

You should use tap water that has been boiled at a rolling boil four one full minute beforehand or bottled water for all of the following purposes until further notice:

- Drinking and preparing beverages;
- Preparing baby bottles and baby food;
- Washing and preparing food to be eaten raw (fruits, vegetables, etc.);
- Preparing food that doesn't require long cooking (canned soups, desserts, etc.);
- Making ice cubes;
- Brushing your teeth or rinsing your mouth;
- Providing water to pets.

You can use water directly from the tap for:

- Preparing food and dishes that require long boiling for cooking;
- Washing dishes with hot water and detergent, making sure you dry them well;
- Running the dishwasher if it is set at the hottest cycle;
- Washing clothes and taking showers or baths. Make sure young children don't swallow water while bathing, or wash them with a facecloth.

If you have a water treatment device at your residence, you must apply the measures indicated above, unless it is an in-home water purifier designed to disinfect water. Devices such as softeners are generally ineffective for eliminating microorganisms.

Companies, commercial establishments and institutions served using the water supply

- Notify your clientele that the water is unsafe for consumption;
- Shut off all water fountains and <u>post notices at other locations where water is still</u> <u>available</u>.

Should you have any question, please contact us at 819-467-5437.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause, and thank you for your understanding.

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