

DISTRICT OF STEWART

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## **UPDATE:** Tentative Water Service Interruption

**Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020**

**Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm**

It may be possible for water service to be interrupted, for the entire community of Stewart for approximately 7 hours on Thursday beginning at 10:00am, in order to facilitate water reservoir construction.

**This is dependant on test results that will be received and we will confirm by Wednesday, Sept 16 if the water shut off will occur on Thursday, or if it will be delayed.**

*The Boil Water Notice that was issued on August 28, 2020 continues to be in effect and there will be an update on September 18, 2020.*

We appreciate your patience & understanding during this process.

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When the water is restored:

- Turn on a cold-water tap, let it run for a few minutes and then observe if it is running clear. A garden tap or laundry tap is preferable and the aerator (a fine mesh grid) on your tap should be removed.
- Do not flush from a tap that has a water filter connected to it, as this may cause sediment to clog your filter. Do not flush from a hot water tap as sediment could be flushed into your hot water tank and/or turn the water valve to your hot water tank off.

Northern Health and the District of Stewart continue to recommend:

- That children, pregnant women, the elderly and persons with weakened immune systems drink boiled/bottled water at this time,
- That water is brought to a rolling boil for at least one minute, and
- That if discolouration is apparent, water should be flushed until clear prior to consumption.

## **WHAT TO DO DURING A PLANNED WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION**

- **Store some drinking water.**

Before the outage, fill containers such as pots and carafe's with fresh drinking water, cover the container to keep out dust and other contaminants.

Ensure you have enough water for drinking, making coffee and cooking, etc.

- **Store some water for flushing toilets**

Fill up your bathtub or a large bucket with water to use for toilet flushing. Simply pour a bucket of this water in your toilet tank after each flush, and only flush when absolutely necessary.

- **Have anti-bacterial hand sanitizer on hand.**

This is useful for hand washing.

## **ONCE THE WATER IS RESTORED**

- **Run cold water taps**

Run a cold water tap for at least five minutes to ensure the water runs clear before any other water-using device is operated. If you have an outside tap or garden hose run water through this outlet first.

- **Don't run your hot water tap just yet.**

The impurities could be drawn into your hot water tank and may cause problems with its operation.

- **Refrigerator Ice Maker**

Discard any ice cubes produced by your fridge's ice maker.