



# DISTRICT OF STEWART

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## **Water quality advisory – District of Stewart Community Water System**

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Due to an unknown reason the District of Stewart began experiencing a rise in turbidity (a measure of the cloudiness of the water) after flushing of the water hydrants. As a result residents may notice discolouration in their water due to sedimentation. Regular measures to test the water supply continue to be carried out by the District and all results have not showed the presence of bacteria.

Discoloured water can be attributed to the iron and manganese found in the groundwater and from the corrosion of iron pipes in the water-distribution system. The iron and manganese minerals settle in our water-distribution system pipes and can be disturbed through increased water flows and operational activities, such as watermain cleaning and fire hydrant maintenance. The District recommends that you flush your water until it runs clear if there are any signs of odour or discolouration.

At this time a boil advisory has NOT been issued. The District wishes to advise the public that we are monitoring the drinking water system carefully and that they may notice discolouration. If the situation deteriorates, the District will notify the public.

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