



Media release

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Precautionary Boil Water Notice: Arthurs Pass

Residents who are on the Arthurs Pass supply are advised to begin boiling water. Heavy rainfall has increased the turbidity of the water source for this water supply.

No *E.coli* has been detected in the water supply. However as result of the increased turbidity, the water treatment method may not be effective and Council cannot guarantee that the water is safe to drink and has issued a boil water notice as a precaution.

When a boil water notice is in place, the Ministry of Health advises that people should boil or treat all water from taps before drinking, brushing teeth or using it in food preparation. In addition, water used to make ice should also be boiled before freezing.

- Bringing water to the boil is sufficient to kill all bugs (water does not require prolonged boiling). Water needs to be boiled even if the smell or taste of chlorine is present. If water cannot be boiled, treat it by adding 1 teaspoon of household bleach per 10 litres of water and leave for 30 minutes
- During boil water notices, employers should also make sure their staff are only consuming boiled or bottled water at work.

Residents should continue to boil their water until they are notified that the boil water notice is lifted. It is likely to be in place for several days.

Anyone who shows symptoms of sickness should visit their doctor as soon as they are able to.

The council will continue to monitor the intake and reticulation system and keep residents informed of any updates.

Any updates to this notice will be posted online at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

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A map of the Arthur's Pass Water Scheme is attached. This map will be available online at Selwyn.govt.nz shortly.