



Selwyn District Council Media Release
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Boil Water Notice issued for Johnson's Road Water Supply

Residents who are on the Johnson's Road water supply are advised to begin boiling water.

A boil water notice has been issued for the Johnson's Road water supply after test results were received showing e.coli levels were above recommended levels.

E.coli is an organism which can cause health issues. Anyone who shows signs of sickness, including vomiting or diarrhea, should visit their doctor as soon as they are able to.

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 bugs (water does not require prolonged boiling). Water needs to be boiled even if the taste or smell of chlorine is present. If you cannot boil water, 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 water until notified that the notice has been lifted. It is likely to be in place for several days. Anyone showing any symptoms of sickness should visit their doctor as soon as possible.

The Council will continue to monitor the intake and reticulation system. Council contractors will chlorinate the reservoir, so people may notice a taste of chlorine in the water. Any updates to this notice will be posted online at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

A map showing the water supply area is available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz - select 'Boil Water Notice' under notices.

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