

Residents on Selwyn District Council's Sheffield-Waddington water supply are advised to begin boiling water.

A boil water notice has been issued by the Council after test results showed that E. coli levels were above recommended levels.

As a precaution the Council will temporarily chlorinate the supply.

The Sheffield-Waddington water supply serves a population of approximately 570.

E.coli is an organism which can cause health issues. 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 one 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 they are notified that the boil water notice is lifted. It is likely to be in place for several days.

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

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

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Any updates to this notice will be posted online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)