



Selwyn District Council Media Release

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Precautionary Boil Water Notice issued for Acheron Water Supply

Residents who are on the Acheron water supply are advised to begin boiling water.

Adverse weather conditions have increased the turbidity of this water supply.

No e.coli has been detected in this water supply. However as a result of the increased turbidity, the Council cannot guarantee the water is safe to drink and has issued a precautionary boil water notice.

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

A map showing the water supply area is available online, visit, www.selwyn.govt.nz and select 'Precautionary Boil Water Notice' under notices.

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