



Media release

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Boil Water Notice: Dalethorpe

Residents in Dalethorpe are advised to immediately begin boiling water. The council's water quality monitoring programme has found high levels of bacteria (E.coli) in the Malvern Hills Dalethorpe water supply. Please note that the Dalethorpe supply does NOT include Glentunnel, Whitecliffs and Coalgate.

Due to recent high flows in the Hawkins river unacceptable levels of e.coli (an indicator organism of faecal contamination which can cause health issues) have been detected. People are advised to visit their doctors if they are showing any symptoms, including vomiting and diarrhoea.

Chlorination of the system is underway and will continue till further notice. This will ensure that water is safe to drink, however before chlorination began some bacteria may have been distributed to your private tank. Please boil your water until further notice. For drinking water this is a rolling boil for 3 minutes.

The council will continue to monitor the intake and reticulation system and keep residents informed. Chlorination will stop as soon as no bacteria are present.

If people wish to disinfect private tanks, they can contact the Council for further information, 03 347 2800. An information sheet can be found on the Council website, www.selwyn.govt.nz.

The Selwyn District Council website www.selwyn.govt.nz will provide updates.

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