

# EMERGENCY BOIL WATER ORDER



## TO REMEDY A HEALTH HAZARD ASSOCIATED WITH WATER

This order given February 7, 2012, pursuant to Section 25 of *The Public Health Act, 1994*.

To: City of Prince Albert

Whereas you are responsible for the following health hazard:

The presence of pathogenic microorganisms, namely **giardia and cryptosporidium oocysts** in the public water supply provided by you to the City of Prince Albert.

Pursuant to section 25 of *The Public Health Act, 1994*, you are hereby ordered to remedy the health hazard by:

1. Take all reasonable steps to immediately notify all users of the public water supply of the presence of unacceptable microorganism levels and the steps necessary to make the water supply safe, including:
  - a) boiling all water used for drinking purposes for at least one minute, at a rolling boil, prior to usage;
  - b) advising that such boiled water should be used as the water for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
    - (i) tooth brushing or soaking false teeth;
    - (ii) dishwashing, unless sanitized in another fashion;
    - (iii) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated;
    - (iv) ice cubes
  - c) advising persons providing food or drink to the public to ensure all water that will be consumed by the public is boiled and to make unoperational all public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply.
  - d) making the attached "Emergency Boil Water Notice" available to users of the public water supply by:
    - (i) posting in conspicuous places in public buildings and areas in the (municipality(ies) or facility);
    - (ii) list any other appropriate methods for the circumstance - newspaper, distribute copies, etc.)
  - e) advising persons not wishing to boil water that they should use an alternative water source known to be safe
2. This order remains in effect until safe water is restored as evidenced by the completion of any necessary work and receipt of at sufficient satisfactory water sample test results taken from the public water supply, as directed by Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment.
3. You may appeal this order in accordance with Section 11 of *The Public Appeals Regulations* (excerpt of the regulations, pages 5-10, attached).

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