

February 1, 2025

Mayor and Council Village of Kenaston Box 129 KENASTON, SK S0G 2N0

Attention Mayor and Council:

This letter is to advise you that a **Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA) is being issued for the Village of Kenaston's drinking water distribution system due to a hydrant repair and is affecting all users and is effective immediately February 1, 2025 until further notice.**

Water Security Agency protocol is to place systems under a PDWA due to a hydrant repair which has caused a depressurization, until such a time as the drinking water system is proven safe for human consumptive use. This Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory remains in effect until the safety of the Kenaston's drinking water distribution system can be ensured at all times. Therefore, you are required to notify all affected users of the drinking water distribution system of the conditions in the attached Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory.

This advisory can be rescinded following:

- 1) The drinking water system is re-pressurized, and the system is flushed according to applicable standards; and
- 2) The receipt of two (2) consecutive sets of three (3) bacteriological samples (6 total) collected at least one day apart (and marked as 'other') that are negative for bacteriological growth in the final treated potable water being supplied to the distribution system (6 total samples minimum).

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. For further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 306-860-7395 or brandy.boha@wsask.ca.

Sincerely,

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Brandy Boha, B.A.Sc. Environment Officer

Water Security Agency

cc. Lee Reinhart, Water Advisories – Water Security Agency Saskatchewan Health Region – Rosetown Office



Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This Advisory applies to <u>ALL</u> residents and users located <u>in the Village of Kenaston effective immediately</u>
February 1, 2025 until further notice.

Clause 36(1)(a) of The *Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to a hydrant repair causing depressurization, therefore the safety of the Village's drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to Clause 36(1)(b) of The *Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*, consumers must be notified to:

- (a) boil all water, used for drinking purposes, for at least one (1) minute, at a rolling boil, prior to use;
- (b) boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
 - (i) brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
 - (ii) washing fruits and vegetables;
 - (iii) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated; and
 - (iv) ice cubes;
- (c) not use the water for washing dishes, unless the water has been boiled or the dishes are sanitized in another fashion. Washed dishes and utensils can be soaked in a bleach water solution (approximately 2 tablespoons of bleach per gallon or 10 ml of bleach per liter of water) for at least two minutes after being washed to kill any bacteria which may be present.
 - Note: Do not mix bleach with soaps or detergents.
- (d) not drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
- (e) ensure that younger children and infants are sponge bathed;
- (f) use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water; and
- (g) consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

Under most circumstances, there is no need to boil water used for other household purposes. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine.

This Advisory is effective immediately and will not be lifted until the water supply is determined to be completely safe.

If you require any additional information, please contact the following:

Town Contact306 - 252 - 2211Water Security Agency EPO306 - 860 - 7395Saskatchewan Health Authority – Rosetown306 - 867 - 7850

For media inquiries, please contact <u>comm@wsask.ca</u> and request to speak to a media spokesperson. Please be sure to identify your name, media outlet and contact information.