



First Nations and Inuit Health
Saskatchewan Region
Environmental Public Health Services
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June 17, 2025

Chief & Council
Thunderchild First Nation
P.O. Box 600
Turtleford, Saskatchewan S0M 2Y0

Dear Chief:

Re: Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory Recommended Thunderchild Community Water System

As the water distribution system for all houses on the Thunderchild Water system, had water line depressurization due to pump issues at the Water Treatment Plant, a Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is recommended.

People should be advised to boil all water for drinking, food preparation and brushing of teeth for at least one (1) minute before use.

The Advisory should remain in place until:

1. The water pressure in the distribution lines has been restored;
2. the distribution lines have been flushed; and,
3. two sets of samples, taken at least 24 hours apart, show there is no bacteriological contamination and at 0.2 mg/L of free chlorine residual throughout the system.

Attached is a notice that can be used to alert community members of the Advisory.

Should you have any questions please please contact me, your Environmental Health Officer, Shannon Imhoff at (306) 737-8672.

Sincerely,

Shannon Imhoff
Environmental Health Officer

Attachment

c.c.: Water Treatment Plant Operator
Water Monitor
Sang Hur, Project Technologist, RO, ISC
Dr. Ibrahim Khan, Medical Health Officer, FNIH, ISC
Carmen Bushow, REHM, FNIH, ISC

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory Recommended by First Nations and Inuit Health Branch – Indigenous Services Canada

Date: June 17, 2025
Location: Thunderchild First Nation

Reason: Due to water plant pump issue in the community drinking water distribution system. Please note that there is no evidence of contamination in the drinking water system, but as a precautionary measure First Nation and Inuit Health is recommending this precautionary drinking water advisory. Chief and Council are working to ensure the distributed water is safe to drink.

Before using water from the distribution system for drinking, food preparation or the brushing of teeth it should be boiled for one (1) minute.

You and your family should do the following until further notice.

1. Boil all water to be used for drinking for at least one (1) minute, and cool and store it in a clean container.
2. This boiled water should also be used for:
 - a. brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
 - b. washing fruits and vegetables;
 - c. adding to food or drink which will not be boiled; and
 - d. making ice cubes.
3. Water used for other household purposes does not need to be boiled. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should not swallow the water. Dishes and laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine (dishes should be rinsed in water with a tablespoon of bleach in a sink full of water).
4. Younger children and infants should be sponge bathed.
5. If you do not wish to boil your water, you should use an alternative water source known to be safe, such as bottled water.
6. Consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

If you have any questions, please contact the Band Office or Shannon Imhoff, Environmental Health Officer, First Nation and Inuit Health, at 306-737-8672.

Please post until further notice.