



BOIL WATER NOTICE DOWNGRADED TO WATER QUALITY ADVISORY OLALLA WATER SYSTEM

November 6, 2025

Based on recent bacteriological results, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS), in consultation with Interior Health, is downgrading the Boil Water Notice that was issued in April 2025 for Olalla to a **Water Quality Advisory**.

The source of the contamination was unable to be located during substantial testing completed by the RDOS. As a result, the system will remain chlorinated for the foreseeable future. Chlorination is normally an effective form of treatment, and the bacteriological results from Olalla show that it is working as expected. However, with the source of contamination unknown, there is the potential for an unexpected change in water quality at any time. Those who are immunocompromised or people seeking additional protection are advised to continue to boil their water at this time.

What is a Water Quality Advisory?

A Water Quality Advisory is the lowest-level notification. A Water Quality Advisory is used in situations where the public health threat is modest, and actions can be taken to reduce the risks by means other than requiring a Boil Water Notice.

Who may need additional protection?

- People with weakened immune systems
- People with chronic illnesses
- Infants and children
- The elderly
- People wishing to seek additional protection

The RDOS would also like to remind all business owners/operators (bed and breakfasts) and public facilities operators that it is the responsibility of these establishments to notify their customers of the **Water Quality Advisory**.

For further information, please contact RDOS Public Works at 250-490-4106 or 250-490-4135 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

For after-hours water emergencies, please call RDOS Regional Dispatch at 250-490-4141.

Thank you for your cooperation.