



PRESS RELEASE

WATER QUALITY ADVISORY (TURBIDITY) – UPPER ZONE

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In consultation with the Interior Health Authority, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (Operations contractor for the water system) is issuing a **Water Quality Advisory for Turbidity (Fair)** for the **Upper Zone** of the Sage Mesa water system. This increase in turbidity is a result of the freshet that is currently underway.

A reminder to all residents in the Lower Zone, the permanent *Boil Water Notice* remains in effect.

UPPER ZONE – WATER QUALITY ADVISORY

A **Water Quality Advisory** for turbidity is in effect immediately for the Upper Zone of the Sage Mesa water system. Turbidity at the Okanagan Lake intake for Sage Mesa is now at a “Fair” rating according to the Interior Health Authority’s turbidity index. This **Water Quality Advisory** includes all properties with addresses on the following roads:

- Sandstone Dr.
- Westwood Dr.
- Ponderosa Pl.
- Sandstone Cres.
- Pinetree Pl.
- Tyrone Pl.
- Sandpiper Ln.
- Estates Pl.
- Forsyth Pl.
- Forsyth Dr.
- Ryan Rd.

What is a **Water Quality Advisory**?

A Water Quality Advisory is a level of notification below a Boil Water Notice. A Water Quality Advisory is used in situations where the general public health threat is modest.

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.



Precautionary Instructions

Those individuals seeking additional protection are advised to use a safe alternate source of water or to boil water for all drinking, infant formula preparation, brushing teeth, food preparation/cooking purposes and ice making. Water should be brought to a full boil and allowed to boil for at least 1 minute.

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

For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at (250) 490-4106 or (250) 490-4135. For after-hours water related emergencies, please call Regional Dispatch at 250.490.4141.

Thank you for your cooperation.

RDOS Public Works