



**GLENMORE-ELLISON IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOIL WATER NOTICE (Precautionary)
EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016**

**Please Note: THIS BOIL WATER NOTICE ONLY AFFECTS RESIDENTS IN THE
ELLISON AREA within the REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL OKANAGAN
(excluding Country Rhodes & Country View Stratas)**

In consultation with the Interior Health Authority, the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District (GEID) has issued a precautionary BOIL WATER NOTICE (BWN) for all water users within the Ellison service area. The affected area includes all properties serviced by GEID which are located on or east of Old Vernon Road, on or north of Anderson Road, all properties on Postill Lake Road and all properties south of Postill Drive.

PROPERTIES NOT AFFECTED: This BWN does NOT affect residents located at Country Rhodes Strata located at 6100 Old Vernon Rd and Country View Estates Strata located at 6400 Spencer Rd. **PLEASE NOTE:** These unaffected properties still remain on a Water Quality Advisory.

This Boil Water Notice is due to increased raw water turbidity in Mill Creek due to sustained rainfall events in the upper watersheds, and increased agricultural water demands that require GEID to use creek water to supplement well sources. The increased turbidity is expected to continue for several days. GEID's customers will be notified when conditions change or water quality has improved, and when the BOIL WATER NOTICE is rescinded.

The water in the Ellison distribution system is considered to have a "Poor" rating on Interior Health Authority's Turbidity Index, as Turbidity levels may exceed 5 NTU when stream flows change due to sustained heavy rainfall events. **GEID would like to inform residents that we are maintaining disinfection throughout the distribution system.**

The Interior Health Authority makes the following recommendation: *"that all customers drink boiled water or a safe alternative until further notice. Water intended for drinking, washing fruits and vegetables, making beverages or ice, or brushing teeth should be boiled for one minute. Boiled water should then be refrigerated in a clean, covered container. Customers could also choose to use bottled or distilled water, or water that has been filtered through a well-maintained treatment device.*

"Health risks increase as turbidity rises, particularly for at-risk populations such as newborns, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems. Contaminants such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites can attach themselves to the suspended particles in turbid water. These particles can then interfere with disinfection, limiting chlorine's ability to remove or inactivate the contaminants.

GEID apologizes for any inconvenience this might cause our customers and appreciates your cooperation and patience during this time.

If you have any further questions please contact the GEID office at 250-763-6506.

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