



COBDEN

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM - BOIL WATER ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Cobden Drinking Water System Boil Water Advisory (October 8, 2026)

A Boil Water Advisory has been issued for the Cobden Drinking Water System by the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) as a precaution following a loss of pressure within the water distribution system.

Residents and businesses connected to the Cobden Drinking Water System are advised to bring water to a rolling boil for at least one minute before using it for domestic purposes, including drinking, preparing infant formula or juice, brushing teeth, washing raw foods, and making ice.

Background

On October 7th, the Cobden water tower was isolated from the distribution system to allow for an emergency repair to a pipe located within the tower. While the tower remains out of service, the Cobden Water Treatment Plant is supplying the distribution system directly through its high-lift pumps.

At approximately 6:50 a.m. on October 8th, the Township received first reports that residents connected to the Cobden Drinking Water System were without water. The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) investigated and determined that a fault within the computerized control system caused the high-lift pumps to shut down, resulting in a loss of system pressure.

OCWA and its specialized contractor are reviewing the plant's programming to determine the cause of the fault.

Next Update

The Renfrew County and District Health Unit continues to monitor the situation closely. Once the RCDHU receives two satisfactory sample results, it will inform the Township that the Boil Water Advisory can be lifted. The Township will provide updates on our website, Facebook page, and email mailing list.

Residents are encouraged to subscribe to Township notifications to receive email updates directly by scanning the QR Code.



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If you have questions, please contact Deanna Nicholson at (613) 646-2282 x127 or email at dnicholson@whitewaterregion.ca.

Additional Information:

Additional Information: A Boil Water Advisory fact sheet is available on the RCDHU at www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/safe-water/.

Township's Website: www.whitewaterregion.ca

Township's Facebook: www.facebook.com/twpwhitewaterregion/

RCDHU Website: www.rcdhu.com

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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