



COBDEN

DRINKING WATER SYSTEM - BOIL WATER ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

Water Tower and Boil Water Advisory Update: October 9, 2026 2:15pm

The **Boil Water Advisory (BWA)** for the Cobden Drinking Water System continues to remain in effect until further notice. Lifting of the BWA requires the receipt of two sets of favourable sampling results and direction from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU).

OCWA operators collected the first set of samples from the water distribution system on the morning of October 8th. Bacteriological results for sample set #1 have not yet been received but are expected later today or early tomorrow. A second set of water samples were collected and delivered to the laboratory this morning. Analytical results for sample set #2 are expected later this weekend. OCWA staff are collecting water samples across the Cobden distribution system. The RCDHU will be notified as soon as each set of results is received.

Water Tower Repairs

Repairs to the Cobden water tower are complete, and refilling began at 10:30 a.m. this morning. Based on the tower's holding capacity, it is estimated to take 2-3 days to be refilled before it can be returned to service. Until this time, the Cobden Water Treatment Plant will continue supplying the distribution system directly through its high-lift pumps. OCWA will also collect samples from the water tower once the tank is sufficiently refilled.

OCWA's operators will remain on-site at the Cobden Water Treatment Plant 24 hours a day until the system returns to normal operation.

Residents may notice fluctuations in water pressure until the Water Tower is brought back online. Residents may also experience coloured water during this period; however, this should be temporary and should clear within several minutes by running your cold-water tap. If your water does not clear after 10 minutes of flushing, we encourage residents to please contact the Township after-hours emergency number throughout the weekend and Thanksgiving holiday Monday at 613-647-3333. Alternatively, you can submit feedback online at www.whitewaterregion.ca/feedback.

We will continue to provide updates on our website, Facebook page, and email mailing list as information becomes available. We thank residents and businesses for their patience and cooperation.

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