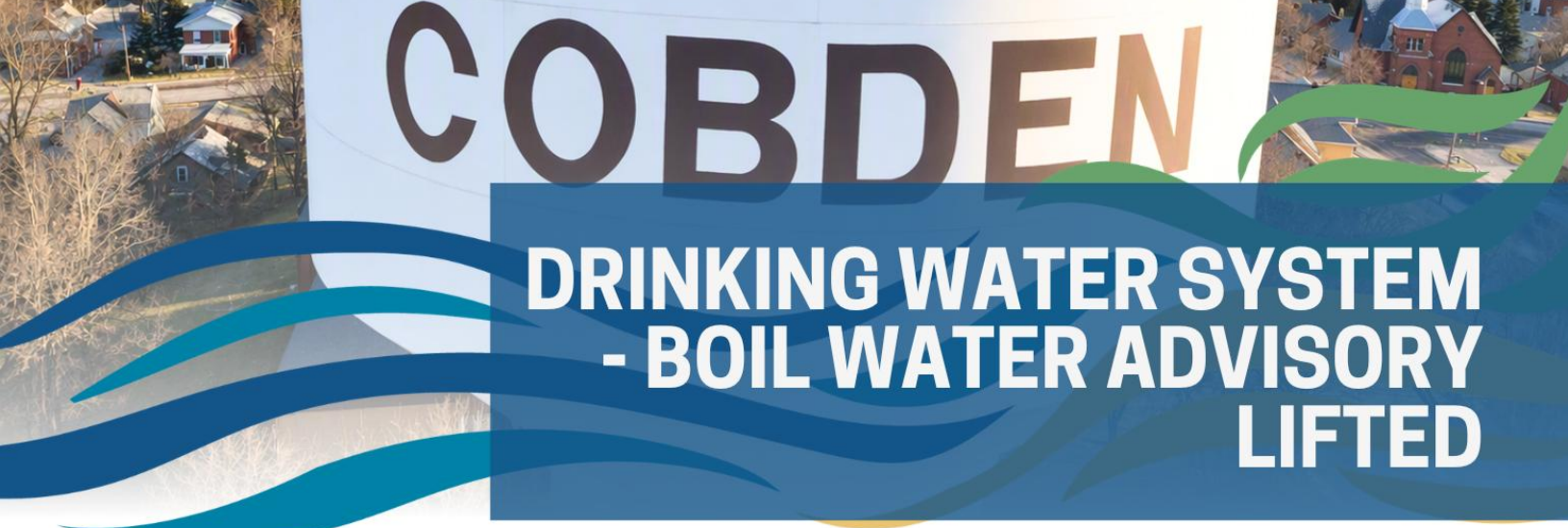


The graphic features the word "COBDEN" in large, bold, brown letters at the top. Below it, the words "DRINKING WATER SYSTEM - BOIL WATER ADVISORY LIFTED" are written in white, bold, sans-serif font on a dark blue background. The background of the entire graphic includes a photograph of a residential neighborhood with houses and trees, and stylized blue and green wavy lines representing water and hills.

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DRINKING WATER SYSTEM - BOIL WATER ADVISORY LIFTED

For Immediate Release

Water Tower and Boil Water Advisory Rescinded: October 10, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

The Township of Whitewater Region advises residents that the Boil Water Advisory for the Village of Cobden has been lifted, and all water system users can resume normal water use.

The Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Medical Officer of Health have rescinded the Boil Water Order issued on October 8, 2026, in response to a loss of water pressure in the distribution system.

Results from mandatory water quality sampling collected by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) and analyzed by an accredited third-party laboratory confirm that the Cobden Drinking Water System is free of bacterial contamination and remains safe for drinking, cooking, and all normal household uses.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) recommends that each water user complete the following procedure.

- Run cold water faucets for one minute before using the water.
- Run drinking fountains for one minute before using the water.
- Discard ice for eating or drinking that was made with water during the BWA (ice made before the BWA is safe to consume).
- Flush all hoses by running cold water through them for one minute.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
- Drain and refill hot water heaters set below 45°Celsius (normal setting is 60°Celsius).

The Cobden Water Tower has been successfully refilled and returned to service. The Cobden Drinking Water System is now operating under normal conditions.

Residents may 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.

Thank you to residents and businesses for their patience and understanding during this event.

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