



For Immediate Release

RE: Cobden Drinking Water System Boil Water Advisory Rescinded

Whitewater Region, Ontario - January 26, 2026, at 1:30 pm

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The Renfrew County and District Health Unit's Medical Officer of Health has rescinded the Boil Water Order that was issued on January 23, 2026, in response to the possibility of bacterial contamination in the distribution system due to a loss of pressure event as a result of a watermain break.

Results from mandatory water sampling completed by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) and analyzed by a third-party laboratory has confirmed that the Cobden Drinking Water System is free from bacterial contamination and remains safe for use and consumption.

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).

For more information, please consult RCDHU's boil water advisory fact sheet that is posted on the RCDHU's and Township's website.

Township's Website: www.whitewaterregion.ca

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

RCDHU Website: <https://www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/safe-water/>

The Township can be contacted at 613-646-2282 (Option 5) from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and after-hours emergency at 613-647-3333.

The Township would like to thank residents and businesses for your patience and understanding during the event.

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