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Public Health Advisory

Boil water advisory for Whale Cove

July 24, 2015
Whale Cove, NU

All residents of Whale Cove must boil their water before consumption until further notice.

This is a precautionary measure based on unacceptable levels of total coliform bacteria in the water system. The Department of Health is working with the Department of Community and Government Services to investigate this matter, and additional water tests are being done.

During a boil water advisory, all water for consumption must be brought to a rolling boil for a minimum of one full minute.

It is essential that all water be boiled for the following uses:

- drinking
- preparing infant formulas
- preparing juices and ice cubes
- washing fruits and vegetables
- cooking
- brushing of teeth

Water can be boiled either in a pot or kettle on a stove, or in an electric kettle without an automatic shut-off.

It is not necessary to boil water used for anything other than the above list.

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