

Public Health Advisory

Reminder Do Not Consume Iqaluit water

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The Department of Health reminds Iqaluit residents that the Do not Consume Order is still in effect for city tap water. Until further notice, do not to consume tap water for drinking or cooking. This includes boiled water, filtered water through commercially sold filters such as Brita filters. Water filtered through the Canadian Forces' reverse osmosis system is safe to drink. Do not use tap water to mix infant formula.

Tap water may still be used for the following purposes:

- Laundry.
- Cleaning.
- Baths and showers are allowed (avoid swallowing water).
- Washing dishes.

Everyone, including pregnant women, newborns and infants, can bathe or be bathed using tap water. This is because the levels of hydrocarbon detected in the drinking water does not pose a risk of long-term health or developmental health impact to babies, infants or unborn fetuses. The compounds detected in the water are not absorbed into the skin.

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