

Public Service Announcement

Safe drinking water from the land

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The Government of Nunavut's Department of Health, working in spirit of Piliqatigiinniql/Ikajuqatigiinniql and in partnership with the Nunavut Climate Change Secretariat, encourages Nunavummiut to use water collected from the land safely this summer. It is recommended that water for drinking is brought to a rolling boil one minute or treated with a filter that removes disease causing organisms such as viruses, bacteria and parasites prior to usage.

Climate change is affecting water on the land because of warmer temperatures, early melt and increased runoff. These allow illness-causing parasites like cryptosporidium and giardia to enter lakes and rivers.

Practice water safety by:

- Bringing drinking water to a rolling boil for at least one minute before drinking.
- Treating water using a specialized filter or water treatment method that is effective against viruses, bacteria and parasites such as cryptosporidium.

Untreated water increases the risk of gastrointestinal illnesses resulting in diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, fever, nausea and weakness.

Anyone who gets sick with diarrhea and vomiting after being on the land should contact their health centre, drink safe fluids, wash hands often, avoid preparing food for others and stay out of public pools until they feel better.

Learn about [Drinking Water](#) safety to enjoy your activities on the land this summer.

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