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Larkin Local Area Service Reservoir Cleaning and Boil Water Advisory

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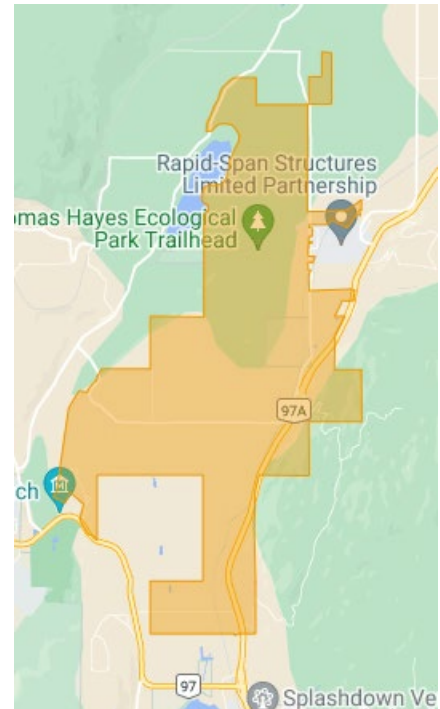
The Township of Spallumcheen is notifying residents of the Larkin Water Local Area Service that the Larkin reservoir will be undergoing cleaning as well as water line flushing February 26th, 2024. It is standard practice that a boil water advisory is issued while this type of work is being completed to ensure public safety.

The Boil water advisory will be in place starting February 26th, 2024 and will remain in place until Interior Health Association is satisfied with the water quality tests. The Township is anticipating the boil water advisory will remain in place for approximately two (2) weeks (until approximately March 8th, 2024).

The Township is advising that all water users in the Larkin Local Area Service, while on a boil water advisory, should follow the [Centre for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) recommendations. If possible, use alternate water sources such as bottled water during this time or bring tap water to a full rolling boil for 1 minute before use.

Please see additional guidelines from the CDC:

- Use bottled or boiled water for drinking, and to prepare and cook food.
- If bottled water is not available, bring **water to a full rolling boil for 1 minute**. After boiling, allow the water to cool before use.
- Boil tap water even if it is filtered (for example, by a home water filter or a pitcher that filters water).
- Do not use water from any appliance connected to your water line, such as ice and water from a refrigerator.
- If you formula feed your child, provide ready-to-use formula, if possible.
- Be careful not to swallow any water when bathing or showering.
- Use caution when bathing babies and young children. Consider giving them a sponge bath to reduce the chance of them swallowing water.
- Brush teeth with boiled or bottled water. Do not use tap water that you have not boiled first.
- Household dishwashers generally are safe to use if:
 - The water reaches a final rinse temperature of at least 150 degrees Fahrenheit (66°Celsius), or
 - The dishwasher has a sanitizing cycle.
- Sanitize all baby bottles.
- To wash dishes by hand:
 - Wash and rinse the dishes as you normally would using hot water.
 - In a separate basin, add 1 teaspoon of unscented household liquid bleach for each gallon of warm water.
 - Soak the rinsed dishes in the water for at least one minute.
 - Let the dishes air dry completely before using again.
- It is safe to wash clothes as usual.



Additional links and resources regarding a boil water advisory can be found on the Township of Spallumcheen website www.spallumcheentwp.bc.ca under [Important Announcements > Water Updates](#)