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# *Guidelines for Grocery Stores During a Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory*

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A grocery store may continue to operate during the Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory if the following conditions are strictly adhered to:

- **During a drinking water advisory:**
  - Commercially bottled water or disinfected water must be used for drinking, washing fruits and vegetables, making ice or as a food ingredient (i.e. drink mix, soup, etc.)
  - Disinfect water by
    - boiling at a rolling boil for one (1) minute or
    - distilling or
    - filtering through a reverse osmosis filter with an “absolute one micron” filter, that is operated in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications and has a NSF 58 certificate.
  - Water refill dispensers may continue to operate if the water treatment meets the conditions stated above.
  - Wash hands with soap and water, dry with paper towel, followed by the use of hand sanitizer.
  - A hand sanitizer must be provided at all hand washing stations.
  - Post notices stating that the water supplied is not potable. These are to be posted in obvious places and at every place at which water can be obtained.
- Any equipment (e.g. automatic misting devices, ice makers, etc.) lines with a direct connection to the water system must be disconnected.
- The deli, bakery, butcher or any other food production should follow the guidance sheet for Food Establishments.

## **Upon rescinding a drinking water advisory:**

- Re-start and flush any water-using fixture or piece of equipment in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications. This may vary from fixture to fixture. Consult the manufacturer when re-starting the equipment.
- Run cold water faucets the first time for one (1) minute before using the water.
- Run drinking fountains the first time for one (1) minute before using the water.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
- Drain and refill hot water heaters set below 49°C.

You will be notified by the municipal office when the precautionary drinking water advisory. Municipal officials will be cooperating with Ministry of Environment and Saskatoon Regional Health Authority to resolve water treatment problems.

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*For more information call Population and Public Health at 655-4605*

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