



January 13, 2022

Town of Wadena  
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Dear Waterworks Owner/Operator:

This letter is to advise you that a **Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA)** will be placed on portions of the Wadena distribution system, in the following areas: All users on Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue's and was effective as of 11:00 pm Wednesday January 12, 2022 until further notice.

Water Security Agency protocol is to place systems under a PDWA if they experience a system depressurization until such a time, as their entire system is proven safe for human consumptive use. Although there is a low risk of contamination, the potential for contamination exists due to the depressurization, the compromised or broken water main, the actual repair procedures, and the natural degradation of the chlorine residual in the water as it sits. This Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory remains in effect until Wadena's distribution system can be ensured at all times. Therefore, I ask that the administration notify all users of the drinking water distribution system in the area affected of the conditions in the attached Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory.

This advisory can be rescinded following:

- 1) The affected portion of the water distribution system has been pressurized, disinfected, and flushed according to applicable standards.
- 2) Water quality returns to acceptable levels within the system.
- 3) The receipt of two (2) consecutive sets of one (1) bacteriological samples (**total of 2 samples**) collected 24 hours apart along with chlorine and turbidity results from representative locations within the area of the water distribution system affected, which are analyzed and found to be negative for bacteriological presence. Samples are to be marked as "Other" and labeled with the appropriate station number in order to expedite their processing. These samples will not count towards sampling compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. For further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (306) 921-7395 or [ries.mansuy@wsask.ca](mailto:ries.mansuy@wsask.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ries Mansuy".

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cc: Greg Holovach, Water Security Agency  
Water Advisories, Water Security Agency  
Public Health Inspector, Saskatoon Office

## Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory

This Advisory applies to residents and users of Town of Wadena's distribution system, in the following areas: All users on Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue's and was effective, Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 11:00pm.

Pursuant to clause 36(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010* this Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory is issued due to a water distribution system depressurization due to hydrant repair and therefore the safety of the drinking water supply cannot be ensured at all times. Therefore, pursuant to clause 36(1)(b) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*, consumers must be notified to:

- (a) boil all water, used for drinking purposes, for at least one (1) minute, at a rolling boil, prior to use;
- (b) boil water to be used for other activities where it may be ingested, including:
  - (i) brushing teeth or soaking false teeth;
  - (ii) washing fruits and vegetables;
  - (iii) food or drink which will not be subsequently heated; and
  - (iv) ice cubes;
- (c) not use the water for washing dishes, unless the water has been boiled or the dishes are sanitized in another fashion. Washed dishes and utensils can be soaked in a bleach water solution (approximately 2 tablespoons of bleach per gallon or 10 ml of bleach per liter of water) for at least two minutes after being washed to kill any bacteria which may be present.  
Note: **Do not mix bleach with soaps or detergents.**
- (d) not drink from any public drinking fountains supplied with water from the public water supply;
- (e) ensure that younger children and infants are sponge bathed;
- (f) use an alternative water source known to be safe, if they do not wish to boil the water; and
- (g) consult with your physician if you have cuts or rashes that are severe before using the water.

Under most circumstances, there is no need to boil water used for other household purposes. Adults, adolescents and older children may shower, bathe or wash using tap water but should avoid swallowing the water. Laundry may be washed in tap water, either by hand or by machine.

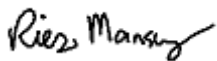
This Advisory is effective on the **date and time listed above** and will not be lifted until the water supply is determined to be completely safe.

Residents and operators of public facilities may access detailed precautions for PDWAs/EBWOs online at [www.saskhealthauthority.ca/facilities-locations/roy-romanov-provincial-laboratory/water-testing-public](http://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/facilities-locations/roy-romanov-provincial-laboratory/water-testing-public)

If you require any additional information, please contact the following:

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| Waterworks Owner Office                          | 306 - 338-2145 |
| Water Security Agency – EMMS Division            | 306 - 921-7395 |
| Saskatchewan Health Authority – Saskatoon Office | 306 - 655-4605 |

**For media inquiries, please contact [comm@wsask.ca](mailto:comm@wsask.ca) and request to speak to a media spokesperson. Please be sure to identify your name, media outlet and contact information.**



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