

## **Boil Water Advisory LIFTED Recommendations to flush water lines and equipment**

**Attention:** Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Long-Term Care Facilities, Retirement Homes, Pharmacies, Child Care (in affected areas), NSM LHIN, Central LHIN

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The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has lifted the Boil Water Advisory issued to the City of Barrie for the Yonge St. and Big Bay Point Rd. area on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Laboratory test results have confirmed that the water is free from contamination and is now safe to drink.

As a precaution businesses in the affected area should take the following steps to make sure their water lines and equipment are flushed.

- Run all cold faucets for a minimum of five minutes. If the water does not run clear after five minutes contact the City of Barrie Water Operations Branch at 705-792-7920 ([www.barrie.ca/waterservices](http://www.barrie.ca/waterservices)).
- Run drinking water fountains and plumbed water coolers for a minimum of five minutes.
- Run all water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
- Reverse Osmosis (RO) units: Replace pre-filters and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace other water filters, as they are disposable and may be contaminated. This applies especially to carbon filters and others that are near the end of their life.
- Flush, clean and sanitize appliances with water line connections (e.g., fridges with water and ice dispensers) following the manufacturer's instructions
- Drain and refill hot water heaters set below 45°C (113°F). Normal setting is 60°C (140°F)
- Drain and flush all ice-making machines and soda fountain machines.
- Dispose of any ice made since Friday April 5, 2019.
- Any reusable medical instruments/devices reprocessed with tap water on April 5 & 5 will need to be reprocessed.
- Large-volume users (for example, restaurants, retirement homes and schools) may need to run cold water taps for a longer period of time on first use, to ensure the water is not cloudy.

**Note:** Anyone operating ice or soda fountain machines should consult the manufacturer or owner's manual for detailed instructions on how to flush and disinfect and how to restart water treatment devices.

For more information, please visit the website [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org).

If you have any questions please call the Infectious Diseases Program at 705- 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 extension 8809 during business hours or after hours at 1-888-225-7851.

