



UPDATE: CHLORINATION AND BOIL WATER NOTICE

OLALLA WATER SYSTEM

June 27, 2025

Based on recent bacteriological results, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is again reinstating the chlorination of the Olalla Water System as of Friday, June 27, 2025.

The Boil Water Notice that was issued on April 24, 2025, remains in effect until further notice. RDOS Public Works is reminding residents that the Boil Water Notice must be followed.

As directed by the Interior Health Authority (IHA), the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) would like to reiterate to all Olalla residents that the Boil Water Notice remains in effect **even when there is chlorination in place**. This is because in our attempts to find the source of the contamination, the changes in chlorine level in the distribution may allow some bacteria to survive. Also, there is concern that the contamination is coming from somewhere in the distribution system and with only low chlorine levels in the distribution system, it may not be enough to kill all bacteria.

The RDOS is now planning to change the configuration of the system to further determine the source of contamination. Please be advised that the chlorination will be turned on and off for different periods of time in the future. While the chlorine is on residents may notice the taste and odour of chlorine in the water.

Notices will not be hand delivered door-to-door every time there is a change in the system because the RDOS does not have the resources to do so. In the future residents will be notified through Voyent Alert, email and/or phone of any further changes to the Olalla Water System.

For further information, please contact RDOS Public Works at 250-490-4106 or 250-490-4135 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

For after-hours water emergencies, please call RDOS Regional Dispatch at 250-490-4141.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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