



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

NEWS RELEASE

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Drinking water advisory ends in the Town of Arnprior

Pembroke — The drinking water advisory issued to all users of the municipal water system in the Town of Arnprior on August 10, 2016 has been lifted. Renfrew County and District Health Unit issued the drinking water advisory as a precautionary measure due to a significant pressure loss in the municipal drinking water distribution system.

The system has been thoroughly flushed with fresh water and Renfrew County and District Health Unit has received confirmation that the two required sets of samples taken 24 hours apart have met the microbiological water quality standards, as set out in Schedule I of Ontario Regulation 169/03 (Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards).

Tap water can now be used normally for drinking, cooking, and bathing. Before the first use, residents should:

- Run cold water faucets and drinking fountains for at least five minutes.
- Remove screens on taps and rinse them to clean any trapped sediment before replacing.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
- Drain and refill hot water tanks.
- Drain and flush any ice-making systems in refrigerators.

Due to hydrant flushing activities that were undertaken by The Town of Arnprior staff, rusty coloured water may be present in your tap water when first turned on. The coloured water is not hazardous to your health. This situation is temporary and should not last any longer than 2 hours.

If you did come in contact with municipal water before the advisory was lifted **and** are feeling unwell, consider speaking to a health-care provider or calling Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

For more information contact the Renfrew County and District Health Unit at 1-800-267-1097, ext. 555.