



Black Mountain Irrigation District

NEWS RELEASE

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BOIL WATER NOTICE

The Black Mountain Irrigation District has issued a **BOIL WATER NOTICE** for all users on the water system. The order is effective immediately and remains in effect until further notice.

Why has this notice been issued?

The Boil Water Notice is required due to a malfunction of a valve regulating the flow of treated water into the distribution system from Mission Creek. The failure is preventing the valve from opening sufficiently to meet the increased demand from warm temperatures and increasing seasonal demand. To maintain water supply to the district it is necessary to bypass the water treatment plant and use untreated water directly from Mission Creek. The water quality in Mission Creek is particularly poor due to spring runoff.

Who is affected by this notice?

This notice applies to all residents receiving water from the Black Mountain Irrigation District.

What should the public do?

During a boil water notice, tap water used for drinking, brushing teeth, or rinsing ready-to-eat-foods should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute.

“Owners of all public facilities must post Boil Water Notices at all sinks or drinking water fountains accessible to the public (alternatively, public fountains and taps may be turned off). As opportunities arise, they must also advise their clientele verbally of the Boil Water Notice.”

How long will the Boil Water Notice last?

The boil water advisory is in effect until further notice. The location of the valve and the time it will take once it is repaired to refill our reservoirs and flush out the distribution system with treated water will likely take about two weeks. WE will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Interior Health has been consulted and is involved in this notification. The Black Mountain Irrigation District apologizes for any inconvenience this notification might cause our customers and appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.

Kelowna residents unsure of who their water supplier is can get this information by going to www.kjwc.org and using the “who is my water supplier” tool.

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