

FORT CHIPEWYAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

November 2, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.

Current situation

Water reservoir levels are increasing. Progress is being made on getting the plant to produce potable water with the increase of sediment from low water levels on Lake Athabasca. There is still lots of work to do and additional technical experts are being brought into the community to help.

Once the plant is producing potable water, the distribution system must be flushed and more testing done before the Boil Water Advisory and Water Conservation Advisory can be lifted. At this time, we estimate the advisories could be lifted between Nov. 10-14. This timeline can change based on what operators are seeing at the plant.

Reminder: The Boil Water Advisory and Water Conservation Advisory are in effect only for people who use the municipal water treatment plant.

The school and daycare are reopening on Monday

Athabasca Delta Community School (ADCS) is reopening on Monday, Nov. 3. ADCS is providing regular updates for students and parents on their Facebook page and website. The Fort Chipewyan Community Daycare will also be open on Monday.

Bottled drinking water available

Two cases of bottled water per household are available for pick up each day at Mamawi Hall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A very large shipment of water arrived yesterday and more is on the way. Bottled water will continue to be available until the advisories are lifted.

Regular updates and more information

The Municipality continues to be in regular communication with all three Nations, Alberta Health Services and community organizations.

Regular updates will continue to be shared with the community. All updates and copies of the Boil Water Advisory can be found at rmwb.ca/waterupdate and at Mamawi Hall.

The next update will be available around noon, on November 3.



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Boil water for at least one minute

If you use the municipal drinking water system in Fort Chipewyan, bring tap water to a rolling boil for **at least one minute** before consumption, including:

- drinking
- brushing teeth
- cleaning raw foods
- preparing infant formula or juices
- providing water to pets
- making ice

Any surfaces that touch food—such as dishes, counters, and cutting boards—must be washed with soap and water, rinsed, and then sanitized.

Do not use public water fountains

Drinking fountains should be put out of order if the water is being provided from the municipal water treatment plant. Do not drink from water fountains until the Boil Water Advisory has been lifted.

What can I use non-boiled tap water for during a Boil Water Advisory?

As long as you are not consuming non-boiled tap water, you can use it for regular activities, like:

- flushing toilets
- cleaning
- showering
- washing clothes

Can I wash my dishes with non-boiled tap water?

Yes, as long as they are sanitized after being washed. To sanitize dishes:

1. Add 2 teaspoons of liquid unscented chlorine bleach to 5 litres of tap water in an empty sink. Don't add soap.
2. Soak the dishes for 2 minutes.
3. Take the dishes out of the sink and let them air dry.

It's also safe to use a dishwasher on either the high-heat setting or the sanitize cycle

