

FORT CHIPEWYAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

November 1, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.

Current situation

At this time, we estimate the Boil Water Advisory and Water Conservation Advisory will remain in place for the next 10-14 days. This timeline can change based on what operators are seeing at the plant. Restoring normal water service requires reservoir levels to be rebuilt, the water system flushed and lots of testing.

The Municipality is in regular communication with all three Nations and are working together to support the community.

Work progressing at the water treatment plant

Good progress has been made and operators anticipate water reservoir levels will be restored soon and flushing of the system will begin in the next 1-3 days. The Municipality is working closely with Alberta Health Services on the flushing plan and additional testing.

Bottled drinking water available

Two cases of bottled water per household are available for pick up each day at Mamawi Hall from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Starting on Sunday, bottled water pick-up hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. moving forward.** Please do not take more than the daily limit to ensure there is enough bottled water for everyone affected.

Regular updates and more information

Emergency officials are in contact with the school (ACDS) and other community organizations to provide support. ACDS is providing updates for students and families. Please check for these updates.

Municipal 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 2.

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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

During a boil water advisory, any surfaces that touch food—such as counters, dishes, and cutting boards—must be washed with soap and water, rinsed, and then sanitized.

Alberta Health Services provides [FAQs](#) and [step-by-step instructions](#) on how to safely boil and store water during a Boil Water Advisory.

What can I use non-boiled 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.

