

FORT CHIPEWYAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

October 31, 2025 – 11:45 a.m.

Operators continue to work around-the-clock to get the water treatment plant back to normal operation. At this time, we anticipate the Boil Water Advisory will remain in place for the next 10-14 days. This timeline could change as good progress is being made but there is still lots of work to do to restore regular water service.

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** after washing them:

Add 2 teaspoons of liquid unscented chlorine bleach to 5 litres of tap water in an empty sink. Don't add soap.

1. Soak the dishes for 2 minutes.
2. 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.

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. – 7 p.m. Water is no longer available for pick-up at the Municipal Contact Office. Please do not take more than the daily limit to ensure there is enough bottled water for everyone affected.

Bottled water is available for people affected by the Boil Water Advisory and will continue to be provided until the advisory is lifted.

Work progressing at the water treatment plant

Good progress has been made to rebuild water levels in the reservoirs. Once levels are fully restored, the water system will be flushed and additional testing undertaken.

Today, water samples are being collected from three locations for testing:

- raw water intake from Lake Athabasca
- storage ponds at the water treatment plant
- treated water at the water treatment plant

This testing will assist operators get a more complete picture of the progress being made. The results will be shared with the Nations.

The Municipality is working with all three Nations, and Emergency Management teams have activated emergency plans to support the community.

Conserve water at home

The *Water Conservation Advisory* for Fort Chipewyan remains in effect. Even though reservoir water levels have improved, the less water used by the community will help resolve this issue quicker.

What to do to conserve water:

- Keep all water bleeders shut down.
- Do not fill jugs, bathtubs, or large containers with municipal water. This can quickly drain the system.

Regular updates and more information

Please share this update with affected neighbours, friends, and family members.

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 1.

For more information, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse.