



## District of Wells Press Release

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# Water Supply Given a Clean Bill of Health in Wells, BC

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Recent water quality testing conducted by the District of Wells validates that District water supply meets provincial water quality standards as safe to drink. The District had been under a precautionary Water Quality Advisory for lead in the water supply since January 2021. With recent testing meeting all water sampling protocols, lead in the water supply is now within the Guidelines for Canadian Water Quality maximum concentration of 0.005 mg/L (5 parts per billion). Northern Health, holding responsibility for all water quality advisories, has confirmed the safety of drinking water in the District of Wells. The recent completion of the \$640,000 water treatment facility upgrade also assures water quality meets all non-lead related water quality standards.

While the District of Wells water supply meets all water quality guidelines for lead in water, the following practice is recommended:

- Flush any stagnant water from your home's plumbing pipes by letting your cold-water tap run for 1 to 5 minutes or until the water turns colder. This should be done before drinking or cooking, first thing in the morning or any other time the plumbing system has not been used for several hours.
- Always use cold water for cooking or drinking as hot water can increase the leaching of lead.
- Water filtration systems, although not necessary, can be used to remove lead from drinking water if concerned.

Lead will not enter the body through skin or by breathing in vapours while showering or bathing. In British Columbia, water quality is protected by legislation requiring water suppliers to regularly perform water quality tests and treat water accordingly if necessary. The District of Wells complies with all safety protocols. For District of Wells residents, the bottled water being supplied will be discontinued immediately. Please return all empty water jugs to the Community Hall.

### **For More Information:**

BC Ministry of Health: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-quality/drinking-water-quality>

Government of Canada Drinking Water Guidelines: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/water-quality/drinking-water/canadian-drinking-water-guidelines.html>

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