

# Next Step in Addressing Village Water Turbidity

## VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

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Council, staff and Saskatchewan Water Security have continued to work together to try and find the source causing the high turbidity in the Village water supply that was discovered in November 2024. Council recently hired Municipal Utilities to perform an inspection of the Village water well, a process that has not occurred since the well was constructed almost 50 years ago. The inspection showed both pros and cons in the Village well. Pros were that the casing is holding up perfectly with no cracks, leaks or rusting of the screening at the bottom of the well casing. Cons of the inspection showed significant organic build up in the bottom of the well that is being sucked through the well pump and into the Village water treatment plant.

From the recommendations of the inspection, Council has decided to proceed with a clean out of the Village well to eliminate the organic buildup. This cleaning process will be started on **Monday August 11 starting at 7am, finishing up on Wednesday August 13 at 11pm**. In saying that, the Village water well will be out of commission for three full days leaving just the water plant storage available for residential consumption.

Residents are being asked to conserve significantly during those three days. Dishes, bathing and urgent laundry are still allowed, however you are being asked not to complete more laundry than needed, hold off on washing bedding or towels if you still have clean to use, absolutely zero outdoor water use will be allowed during this time and please try to shorten the length of showers or shallow baths. It will take the whole community working together to help this work go smoother. If staff notice water use is being abused during this time, water may only be available during certain times to prevent overuse.

If you have any questions regarding this work to be completed or the turbidity issues currently being investigated, please do not hesitate to call the office at 306-634-9352. Staff is more than willing to discuss the steps already taken in the process to find a solution to the high turbidity.

Reminder that the Village water supply remains on a Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory (PDWA) as this work would have required a PDWA being issued if the Village wasn't on one already. If you are unsure of what the PDWA means for you, please reach out to the Village office for a copy of the advisory or view the PDWA on the Village website under "About" then "Office News".