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Boil Water Advisory announced for White Rock, BC

White Rock, B.C. – As a public health precaution, the City of White Rock with support from the Fraser Health Authority are advising residents in the City of White Rock and Semiahmoo First Nations and some properties in Surrey served by the White Rock water supply to boil their drinking water before drinking. Due to a major fire, the water supply has been drawn to low levels. This could create negative pressure in the water lines and result in contaminants entering into the water system. This precautionary measure should be followed until further notice.

Residents are advised to bring their water to a rapid, rolling boil for at least one minute prior to using it for domestic purposes, including drinking, making infant formula and juices, cooking, brushing teeth, washing raw foods and making ice. Alternatively, residents may use bottled water.

The boil water advisory is expected to be in effect for at least 48 hours. Members of the public who have general questions are advised to check the City of White Rock www.whiterockcity.ca for further information and updates.

Health information about illnesses related to contaminated water is available on the HealthLinkBC's website at: http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/kb/content/mini/hw133795.html.

Individuals concerned about their personal health can speak with a HealthLinkBC nurse by calling 8-1-1, 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week.

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