

Boil water alert

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12/02/2021

Georgetown residents advised to boil drinking water

Etheridge Shire Council advises all residents in Georgetown to boil their tap water used for drinking due to finding traces of E. coli due to one low Chlorine reading affecting the Georgetown Water Supply.

This alert applies to all residents in Georgetown from 12/02/2021 until further notice.

Etheridge Shire Council is working closely with Queensland Health to resolve the situation.

Flushing has been done to increase the Chlorine which is now at a satisfactory level. This alert is a precaution until further sampling is conducted on Tuesday the 16th February. This may take until next Thursday the 18th February.

The boil water alert will stay in effect until the Etheridge Shire Council and Queensland Health are confident there is no longer a public health concern. Regular updates will be provided to affected communities.

Consuming unboiled drinking water could lead to illness, especially for vulnerable people (e.g. those who are very young, elderly or immune compromised). If you are concerned about your health contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84), your local doctor or local hospital and advise them of your concerns.

People should use cooled boiled water or bottled water for:

- drinking
- brushing teeth
- washing and preparing food or beverages
- preparing baby formula
- making ice
- bathing infants.

Unboiled drinking water can be used for:

- showering and bathing other than infants (but minimise water in the mouth)
- washing dishes by hand or in a dishwasher, provided dishes are air-dried
- washing clothes
- flushing toilets.

People should bring drinking water to a boil and then allow water to cool before using it or storing it in a clean, closed container for later use.

Kettles with automatic cut-off switches are suitable for producing boiled water. Variable temperature kettles should be set to boil.

Residents are urged to share this alert with neighbours and friends.

For more information phone Town Manager Shane on 0427621279

Authorised,

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