



BOIL WATER ADVISORY
August 19, 2010

To Consumers of the St. Thomas Water Distribution System

The boundaries of this area include Wellington Road/Sunset Drive at Ron McNeil Line, south to Southdale Line, east to Centennial Road/Highbury Avenue and north to Ron McNeil Line and west to Wellington Road. Also included in this area are portions of Central Elgin and Southwold. These portions include the Norman subdivision down to and including the County of Elgin Building, St. Joseph Regional Mental Health Care and Fingal Line west to Munro Avenue.

Water Supply

The Acting Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Frank Warsh, is advising users of the St. Thomas Water Distribution System to bring water to a rolling boil for at least one minute prior to using it for domestic purposes e.g., drinking, making infant formula and juice, brushing teeth, washing raw foods and making ice.

The reason for this advisory is that a water sample collected on August 18, 2010 at the sampling station located at Confederation Drive and Northwood Place in the northeast section of the City of St. Thomas showed the presence of 3 cfu/100 ml of E.coli and 43 cfu/100 ml of total coliforms. These results are above the maximum acceptable concentration in Ontario Regulation 169 (Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards).

This advisory measure is in place until such time as further bacteriological tests prove the water to be safe.

A copy of "[How to use water safely during a boil water advisory](#)" is available on the Elgin St. Thomas Public Health Website at www.elginhealth.on.ca

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Warsh', is positioned above the name and title of the Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Frank Warsh
Acting Medical Officer of Health