

EMERGENCY PLANS MANUAL

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WATER QUALITY ADVISORY PLAN

Initiation:

The Home receives notification from Public Health [MLHU] of a “boil water” advisory.

Impact:

Tap water must not be used for consumption or bathing and should be used only for toilet flushing.

Response:

1. Inform Maintenance
2. Inform Administrator or designate who will notify County CAO, Medical Director and Ministry of Long Term Care
3. Announce to staff and residents not to use water for drinking or bathing.
4. Post Notice at front entrance and at each sink.
5. Remove drinking cups from sinks.
6. Assess supply of bottled water and arrange for additional and repeat purchases daily.
7. Advise nursing staff that tub baths are discontinued and replace them with bed baths.
8. Ensure that registered staff have adequate supply of bottled water for administering medications.
9. Ensure registered staff have sufficient supply of saline solution for skin and wound care.
10. Advise hairdresser that hair washing is discontinued.
11. Assess ability of kitchen to boil water for tea and coffee
12. Disable and empty juice machines and ice machines
13. Place portable bottle water dispenser in kitchen
14. Ensure dishwasher temps are at required minimum
15. Implement pot washing sanitizing procedure
16. Distribute additional hand sanitizer throughout home as required