

Guidelines for Dental Offices during a Boil Water Advisory

A **Boil Water Advisory** (BWA) has been issued by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU). The boil water advisory remains in effect until it is lifted by the NBPSDHU.

The guidelines below are provided to operators of dental offices in response to the boil water advisory issued.

During a boil water advisory

1. During a boil water advisory, tap water is unsafe for drinking or making ice, cleaning ice cube trays, for use during dental procedures, and for brushing teeth, gargling, and rinsing dentures.
2. Bring tap water to a rolling boil for one (1) minute to make it safe for all uses. Alternately, use commercially bottled water. Sterile saline and distilled water are also safe for dental and disinfection procedures.
3. For specific boil water precautionary measures which relate to dental procedures, please consult your professional college.
4. Wash hands by usual handwashing technique using soap and water. Rinse hands using an alcohol based hand disinfectant (containing more than 70% alcohol).

For more information, call the Health Unit at 705-474-1400 or 1-800-563-2808, or visit www.myhealthunit.ca