



Thursday 23rd January 2020, 3pm

Bingara Boil Water Alert

Recent weather conditions and subsequent runoff in the Gwydir River have caused problems with water treatment, making drinking water in Bingara unsafe.

Due to the current river conditions, Council is advising residents of Bingara that water used for drinking or food preparation should be brought to a rolling boil to make it safe. Kettles with automatic shut off switches can do this. Water should then be allowed to cool and stored in a clean container with a lid and refrigerated.

Bottled or cool boiled water should be used for drinking, washing uncooked food (e.g. salad vegetables and fruit) making ice, cleaning teeth, gargling and pet's drinking water.

Dishes should be washed in hot soapy water or in a dishwasher. Children should take bottled or cool boiled water to school.

If you cannot boil the water, unscented household bleach (containing 4%-5% available chlorine) may be used. Add 2 drops of bleach to 1 litre of water (or 4 drops if the water is cloudy), mix well, and allow to stand for 30 minutes before use.

Gwydir Shire Council is working to resolve the problem.

This advice should be followed until further notice.

The NSW Health website also includes special considerations for:

- Schools and childcare centres
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/schools.aspx>
- Commercial establishments serving food or drinks
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/foodfacts.aspx>
- Using water header tanks
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/watertanks.aspx>
- Swimming pools and spas
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/pools.aspx>

For further information contact Town services on phone number 0267242025

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