



TOWN OF BURIN BOIL ORDERS AND USE OF A SOURCE OF WATER BY-LAW

BY-LAW NO.

BL-WS-2026-007

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON:

April 22, 2026

MOTION NUMBER:

APR2026-057

Pursuant to the authority conferred in Section 7(b) of the *Towns and Local Service Districts Act*, (SNL 2023 T-6.2) the Town of Burin has adopted the following By-Law pertaining to boil orders and the use of a source of water on April 22, 2026.

1. TITLE

This document will be known and cited as the **Boil Orders and Use of a Source of Water By-Law**.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this by-law is to establish boil water advisories and non consumption advisories or to restrict use of any water source (e.g. pond/lake) considered by health professionals to be dangerous and/or hazardous to public health and safety;

To develop a communication plan to ensure that the public is given accurate information about the boil water advisory or any other water source considered to be dangerous and/or hazardous to the public health, in a timely fashion.

3. INTERPRETATION/DEFINITION

“Council” shall mean the Town Council of Burin.

“Province” shall mean the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

“Town” shall mean the Town of Burin.

4. APPLICATION

- This by-law applies to all members of the public.
- A boil water advisory recommended by the Medical Officer of Health or an official of the Government Service Centre must be acted upon immediately.
- As the owner or operator of the drinking water supply, you must immediately alert all users of your water supply that drinking water must be boiled before being consumed or place restrictions on any other water source considered to be dangerous and/or hazardous to the public health and safety.
- Inform consumers at regular intervals about the boil water advisory.

4. CONSUMER ALERTS

Consumers can be alerted an advisory in several ways :

- Use of local media outlets (e.g., radio, television, newspapers);
- Town Website;
- Social media;
- Post boil water advisory notices in mailboxes;
- Place warning signs on water taps at places where water is made available to consumers (e.g., gas stations, restaurants, campgrounds, schools);
- Post warning signs near water sources;

5. BY-LAW STATEMENT

- Digital Government and Service NL and the Department of Health and Community Services are jointly responsible for monitoring the bacteriological quality of public water supplies in the province. This sampling activity is carried out on a regular basis by Environmental Health Officers located throughout the province. Boil water advisories are issued when water sampling and testing detects higher than accepted amounts of coliforms (bacteria) or if there are deficiencies with regard to chlorination or other forms of disinfection. In such cases, the results are immediately communicated to affected communities for appropriate action. The information is also passed along to regional Medical Officers of Health to advise that action has been taken within the community and for any follow-up that may be necessary by the public health system.
- When circumstances arise where town officials believe it is in the interest of public health to do so, the Town official will issue a boil water order that will be in immediate effect in the Town.
- A boil water advisory will remain in effect until it is lifted by Town & Government officials.

- Business and establishments that serve water to the public must comply with the guidelines established by the province while the boil water advisory is in effect.
- If a circumstance arises where another source of water is being used for consumption in the Town, Town Officials may restrict the use of such water if there is a need related to public health and safety.
- The details of such a restriction would be set on a case-by-case basis and set out through a resolution of Council.
- It is recommended that citizens follow guidelines established by the province (Digital Government and Service NL and the Department of Health and Community Services) when preparing and consuming water during a boil water advisory.

7. REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

All sections of this By-Law have been developed in accordance with the *Towns and Local Service District Act*. This By-Law is reviewed as required following new information or knowledge.

8. PUBLICATION

This By-Law was published on the Town of Burin website in 2026.

9. COMING INTO EFFECT

Under the *Towns and Local Services Districts Act*, Section 12, this By-Law came into effect once adopted by Motion of Council (#APR2026-057) voted on by a majority of the Councillors in attendance at the Town Public Council Meeting on **April 22, 2026**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Seal of The Town of Burin has been here-unto affixed, and this By-Law has been signed by the Town Manager and Mayor on behalf of the Council.

Town Manager: Leo Hartson

Date: April 22, 2026

Mayor: Kevin Lundigan

Date: April 22, 2026

