


# <sup>1</sup>Fact Sheet: INFORMATION only

If your Aqua-Check report looks like this:

		<b><u>WATER SAMPLE RESULTS REPORT</u></b> <b><u>CONFIDENTIAL</u></b>			
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John & Jane Doe		Civic Address:	123 Street Avenue City NS XXX 111		
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Phone: 123-4567 Fax:		Sample Location:	kitchen tap		
		Sample:	AC01235		
		Sample Date:	01/01/11		
This sample <u>does not meet</u> the health objective guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality for the parameters below. (See Exceeds Standard Column)					
Parameter	Value	Reported Units	Exceeds Guideline	GCDWQ Level	Health Objective
E.coli (Fecal Coliform) (P/A)	PRESENT		Yes		MAC
Total Coliform (P/A)	PRESENT		Yes		MAC

**This Means That Your Water Has E.coli and Total Coliform Bacteria and *does not meet* the health objective guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality.**

## Using Water in the Home during a Boil Water Advisory:

Water can be **disinfected** in a number of ways including boiling or adding household bleach which contains chlorine. Please see the list below for the details on disinfecting your water.

### Method of Boiling Water:

- Bring water to a rapid boil for at least 1 minute.

### Adding Bleach Method:

- Use household bleach (5.25% sodium hypochlorite) for:
  - a) washing dishes in the sink – a capful of bleach (10 mL) per sink of water. Mix and let sit for 1 minute before use.
  - b) bathing in the bathtub – 3 ounces (85 mL) of bleach per standard tub. Mix and let sit for 10 minutes.
  - c) whirlpool tubs – follow manufacturers' instructions.

### Only boiled water should be used for:

- Drinking
- Use in formulas or mixing juice or other drinks
- Making ice cubes

### Only disinfected water (boiled or bleached) should be used for:

- Washing and bathing
- Washing dishes
- Humidifiers
- Washing food that will be consumed uncooked

**Note:** Showering is not recommended if water contains fecal coliforms. It is not necessary to use disinfected water for laundry or for washing floors and other household cleaning.

<sup>1</sup> Referenced from the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labor, laboratory information package for positive coliform bacteria in a water sample.