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Dear RV Guests:

**RE:** Manganese Levels

The Federal Government has recently changed the acceptable manganese levels for their water guidelines and as a result our manganese levels are now above approved levels.

Here at Holiday Park Resort, our water comes from two deep wells. Our water has not changed in many years. It is the same as it always has been.

Health Canada established these guidelines using a precautionary approach, assuming that people would be <u>constantly exposed</u> to high levels of manganese <u>for long periods of time and built in additional</u> <u>safety factors</u>. Occasionally consuming water with manganese concentrations slightly greater than the maximum acceptable concentration is <u>unlikely</u> to cause any health issues.

Manganese is a naturally occurring element commonly found in rocks and soils. Manganese gets into drinking water sources when water dissolves minerals that contain manganese. Manganese is more prevalent and found at higher concentrations in groundwater. Please note that this is <u>not</u> a boil water advisory.

The water is safe to bathe and shower in, as well as hand washing, dishes and laundry. Water that contains levels of manganese above the maximum acceptable concentration will not enter the body through the skin or by breathing in vapors.

For adults and older children, <u>short term</u> exposure to manganese in drinking water slightly above the guideline, is not a concern and is unlikely to cause any health issues. However, as a <u>precautionary</u> <u>measure</u>, the water should not be consumed for drinking, preparing infant formulas, or for making ice cubes. It is recommended that you use bottled water.

In our laundry room at the Activity Centre - #4 on the map, there is a water softener system that takes the manganese out of the water to below acceptable levels and has been deemed safe by Health Canada. You are more than welcome to use this water to fill a container for use in your RV if needed. You can also purchase drinking water at the Country Store located at #7 on the map.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Regards,

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