

## WATER QUALITY ADVISORY

### Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area

The Regional District of Nanaimo's (RDN) water filtration plant that services the Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area is currently not working properly. The levels of manganese and iron in the drinking water are temporarily higher than usual and you may notice that the water is discoloured. **Although different in colour, the water is safe to drink.**



Work has been underway for the last week to address the issue and parts have been ordered to return the plant to normal operation. This is expected to take four to five weeks. The frequency of water quality monitoring has also been increased and the results are being directly reported to Island Health.

The levels of manganese and iron exceed the aesthetic limit (visually unpleasing) in the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines and may cause staining of laundry and fixtures. However, the level does not exceed the maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) at which time health affects may be experienced. Please see additional information on manganese in drinking water at [healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/manganese-drinking-water](https://healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/manganese-drinking-water).

The RDN is not responsible for any damages resulting from the use of discoloured water. Please visit [rdn.bc.ca/nanoose-bay-peninsula](https://rdn.bc.ca/nanoose-bay-peninsula) for more information about the Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area.

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