

Drinking Water: Public Health's Role

Peterborough County-City
HEALTH UNIT

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Safe Water

- To prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illness related to drinking water.
- To prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illness and injury related to recreational water use.

- Conduct surveillance of drinking water illnesses of public health importance
- Provide information to private well owners on how to safely operate their drinking water systems
- Inspect Small Drinking Water Systems
- Protect the public from exposure to unsafe drinking water

Small Drinking Water Systems

- Community centres
- Sports and recreational facilities
- Communal drinking water systems
- Motels, resorts
- Restaurants, gas stations, churches, bed and breakfasts

Small Drinking Water Systems

- Inspect systems
- Determine treatment requirements
- Respond to complaints and adverse reports
- Educate owners/operators

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- Ensure the MOH or designate is available 24/7 to respond to
 - adverse water quality reports
 - water-borne illness or outbreaks
 - emergency issues which may affect water safety (floods, fire, power outages)
- Inform the public about unsafe drinking water conditions
- Act on drinking water complaints to determine the appropriate response



- conduct beach water sampling
- inspection of swimming pools and spas

Sewage Disposal Program

- Issue permits and inspect installations of new sewage systems
- Inspect land severance and subdivision proposals
- Investigate complaints of malfunctioning sewage systems

