



News Release

SCRD Emergency Operations Centre Update #13

Sechelt, BC – November 19, 2021— The SCRD has activated an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to assist in coordinating resources as we deal with a number of water / flood related issues in the Region.

This is update #13 at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 19.

This Weekend

The SCRD's EOC will remain active this weekend, available to respond to and coordinate any emergent issues and remains in daily contact with Emergency Management BC (EMBC). The SCRD is also in regular contact with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and providing updates as and when they become available. At this time there are no further anticipated updates from MOTI this weekend.

Culverts

During any break in rain and if safe to do so, residents are asked to check culverts outside of their homes and to ensure they are clear. With more rain expected next week, blocked culverts can cause substantial flooding. A reminder that if you have a culvert passing under your driveway it is your responsibility to maintain it and to keep it clear of debris. Further information on culvert maintenance can be found at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/engineering-standards-guidelines/highway-design-survey/geomatics/driveways>

Boil Water Advisories

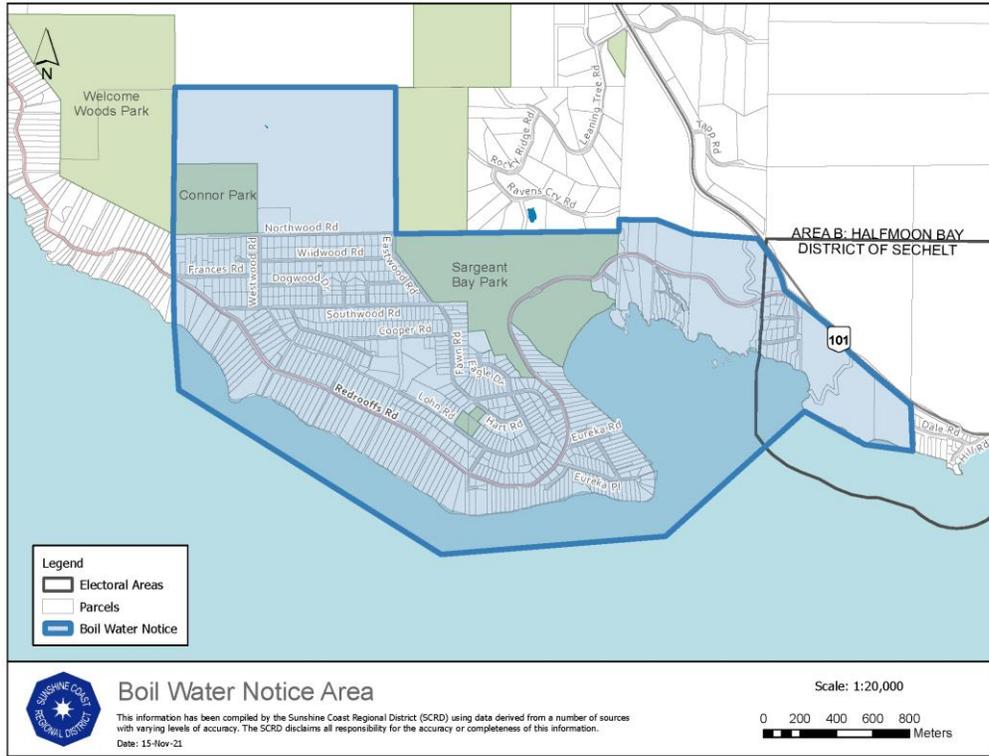
Boil water advisories remain in place for parts of the Sunshine Coast as outlined in the maps below.

Please note that the SCRD is actively engaged with Vancouver Coastal Health conducting regular water testing until such a time that Vancouver Coastal Health is satisfied that the water is once again safe to use. As such, the boil water advisories will remain in place until lifted and we will widely advertise that information as swiftly as possible. The good news is that the water mains have been repaired and the anticipated timeframe to lift the advisories is early next week. A very big “thank you” to all SCRD Utility Division staff who have truly gone above and beyond in responding to this latest emergency. Also, a thank you to our front line administrative staff who have been helping guide the community through the emergency, answering calls and emails.

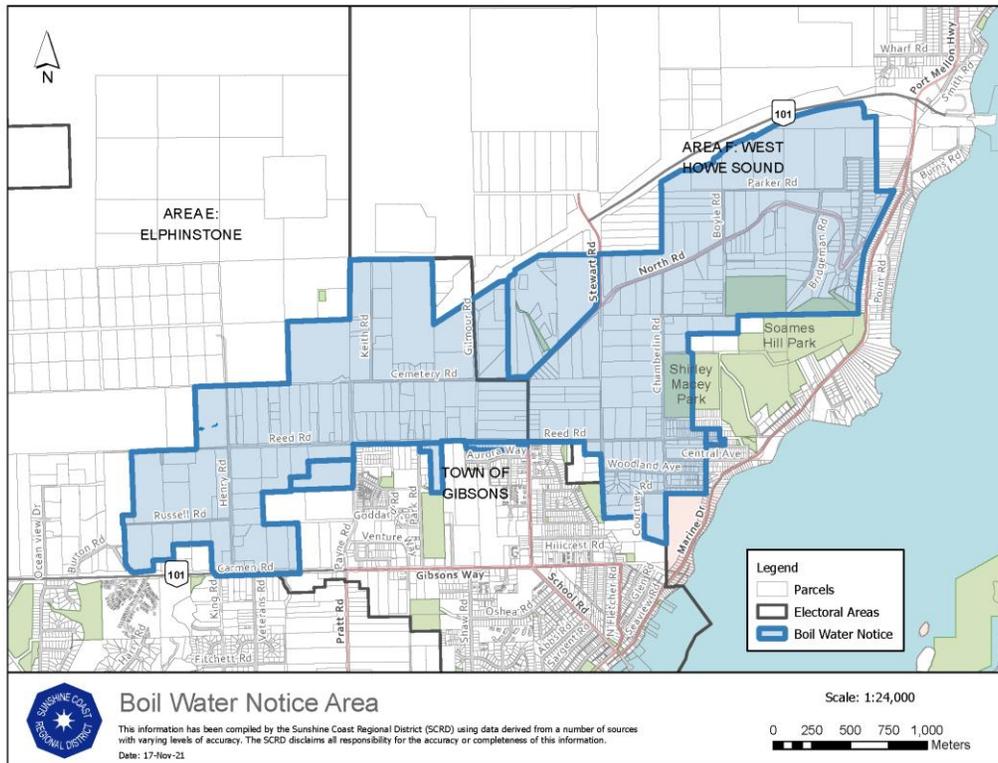
The water can be made safe by boiling it for one minute at a rolling boil. Boiled water should be stored in a clean container in the refrigerator. Alternatively, bottled water can be used

A reminder that you can quickly find out if you are under a boil water advisory by typing your address into the search bar on [this website](#).

1. Welcome Woods area of Halfmoon Bay. Larger map can [be viewed here](#).



2. Zones 3 & 4 in Elphinstone / Gibsons / West Howe Sound. Larger map [can be viewed here](#).



Boil water advisory notices are running on local radio and the signage below is posted in affected areas.



Parks

As we move into the weekend, residents and visitors to the Sunshine Coast are asked to stay off trails that are obviously closed by tape or barricade. SCRD parks staff are working through an extensive list of issues including repairs to bridges and trails at this time. Cliff Gilker Park, Chaster Park and Chaster House remain closed and will continue to be closed for the weekend. These closures are for your safety.

If you see something that you would consider to be a hazard such as a fallen tree on a trail, please email parks.department@scrd.ca.

Recycling centres

Due to the unprecedented flooding and disruption to transportation, Recycle BC has informed the SCRD and depot operators throughout BC that they will be temporarily suspending collection of glass and Styrofoam. Thank you for your help by holding onto these materials until they can be accepted for recycling again. The other depot recycling materials are unaffected at this time.

State of Local Emergency and Evacuation Orders

There were two unoccupied homes that remain under Evacuation Orders and building assessments are underway. The public has been tremendous in offering support and even shelter and we are thankful that it has not been necessary this time. Please note that our Emergency Support Services provides the basic assistance that people need when they have been impacted by an emergency or disaster. This may include arranging for food, shelter and accommodation for those who have been displaced. If this program is a good fit for you, please contact Matt Treit, Sunshine Coast Regional District Manager of Protective Services at matt.treit@scrd.ca or 604-885-6887.

Stay tuned to www.scrd.ca/alerts and the [SCRD on Facebook](#) for updates.

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