



COMMUNITY NOTICE – 5/5/2015

COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY

Results of recent testing of the Community Water Supply have detected an amoeba that can cause amoebic meningitis. Our health inspector will be returning to the Settlement in July to conduct further tests at various sites around the Settlement.

The amoeba that has been detected is not a drinking water problem, but can cause amoebic meningitis.

To prevent amoebic meningitis, the following steps can be taken:

- 1. Don't allow water to go up your nose or sniff water into your nose when bathing, showering or washing your face;**
- 2. Don't allow children to play unsupervised with hoses or sprinklers as they may accidentally squirt water up their nose;**
- 3. Let bath and shower taps run for a few minutes to flush water out of the pipes;**
- 4. Don't jump or dive into water - walk or lower yourself in;**
- 5. Keep wading pools clean by emptying, scrubbing and allowing them to dry in the sun after each use;**
- 6. Remember, Amoebic Meningitis is usually fatal – prevention is vital.**

The Shire is currently considering options to protect the water supply from micro-organisms, including a chlorinator.

Also, as the water supply is non-potable, staff and their families and visitors to the Settlement are advised to use bottled water for drinking and cooking.