



NEW ROYAL ROADS DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

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A joint update from RRU Executive and our Operations and Resilience Team:

On Dec.11, 2020, we informed you about water testing by the Operations Team and actions being taken by the university to deal with detection of some lead levels slightly over the Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines allowable limit.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have been working closely with Island Environmental Health and Safety on extensive testing and re-testing of water sources, and posting related signage. Subsequent testing has confirmed that most of our water sources are safe.

However, to avoid confusion as to which taps should or shouldn't be used for drinking water, going forward please only use water coolers and water bottle filling stations for drinking water. This is part of a new, permanent drinking water standard for Royal Roads.

Signs have been posted across campus directing people to not drink water from any taps. Again, to avoid confusion, this includes all taps previously designated as drinking water sources.

As well, we are installing additional coolers and water bottle filling stations, to ensure drinking water sources for all employees across campus. We will also add additional water coolers and filling stations as regular occupancy in buildings increases. A list of current locations for drinkable water is below.

In the future, water cooler costs will no longer be a unit cost but will be an enterprise cost.

Additionally, water filtering systems are being installed in all food preparation areas -- the Habitat kitchen, Hatley Castle events kitchen, Sherman Jen building grab-and-go café and the new Dogwood auditorium kitchen.

As part of our new drinking water standard, the Operations team will conduct testing of water sources twice a year on an ongoing basis, and is implementing a robust preventive maintenance schedule for the replacement of filters and cleaning of water cooler and water bottle filling stations.

Additional information is posted on the <https://humanresources.royalroads.ca/drinking-water>.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Operations team (Ron Granados or Aaron Segall) or your Human Resources Consultant.

Thank you.

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WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION LOCATIONS:

LIC

- outside Rm. 107
- 2nd floor
- 3rd floor

Library

- Lower level
- Main floor

Nixon

- 1st floor lounge

Boathouse

- Main floor

Rec Centre

- Entrance
- Aerobics
- Weight Room

Sherman Jen Building

- outside Rm. 034
- outside Rm. 130
- outside Rm. 117

Grant

- 2nd floor

7B Garry Oak

- outside showers

WATER COOLERS LOCATIONS:

LIC

- Level 0 Office 04

Grant

- Level 1 Rm. 159
- Level 1 Rm. 123
- Level 1 Rm. 144

Millward

- Level 1 Security
- Level 2 Elevator lobby
- Level 3 Elevator lobby
- Level 3 Rm. 319
- Level 5 Elevator lobby
- Level 6 Elevator lobby

Residence 12

- Off kitchen

Boathouse

- East Kitchen

Blue Heron

- Central Kitchen

House 28

- Level 1 Kitchen

Castle

- Level 2 Rm. 215
- Level 2 East hall
- Level 2 Rm. 207
- Level 3 East hall
- Level 4

Cedar

- Level 1 East
- Level 1 West
- Level 2 East
- Level 2 West
- Loft

7B Garry Oak

- Main hall outside washrooms

7A Arbutus

- Kitchen
- Copy Centre

House 9 Gatehouse

- Kitchen