



Dry Well Relief Program

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Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Commencing on Monday, September 14, 2020, the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg will be providing water for drinking and cooking to municipal residents experiencing dry wells. This will be done through a coupon system and in partnership with local retailers. Municipal residents can pick up coupons at the Municipal Office at 210 Aberdeen Road (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday) or email rachel.hiltz@modl.ca to receive electronic coupons and exchange them at various retail locations for water.

The program will provide with 4L of bottled water per person per day up to a maximum of four 4L jugs per day per household. Only households experiencing a clean water shortage are eligible to receive the coupons.

Coupons are good for a one-week period (Monday to Sunday) and will expire each Sunday for as long as the program is running. After expiration, new coupons can be picked up on a daily, weekly or as-needed basis. Each coupon can be exchanged at select retailers within the Municipality for one 4L jug of water (no substitutes).

As of September 11, 2020 the locations in which the coupons can be used are:

- Sam's No Frills, Bridgewater
- Francis' Your Independent Grocer, Lunenburg
- Nick's Your Independent Grocer, Mahone Bay
- New Germany Freshmart

Residents of Big and Little Tancook Islands can go to the Municipality of the District of Chester and applicable Chester retail locations for their water coupons and bottles of water.

This program will be re-evaluated as precipitation changes.

The Municipality, through the Regional Emergency Management Office and in collaboration with other municipal units in the area, have opened several locations with water refill stations and shower availability. Water refill stations are for water bottles and jugs, not for bulk water refills. The locations are as follows:

- Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre – Residents must call in advance.

- Lunenburg Board of Trade Campground – Residents must call before they plan to arrive for showers. Showers can be held between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., 7 days per week. Residents can refill water at any time, without having to call.
- Rissers Beach Provincial Park
- Graves Island Provincial Park

A dry well survey has also been created for residents to complete. The answers to this survey will help emergency management officials determine the extent and severity of the dry weather. They can also determine if there are certain areas which require more assistance than others, and can give consideration to helping those areas more directly. This information can also be useful if we have another drought situation in the future, as we can determine which areas are likely to be impacted first.

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