

Water Main Break - Water Restrictions



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RESIDENTS WEST AND NORTH OF THE RIVER ARE ASKED TO LIMIT UNCESSARY WATER USAGE

GREAT FALLS, Montana – The City of Great Falls experienced a major water main break Monday afternoon behind the La Quinta Inn. This 30-inch water main is the largest water main in the City's system. It runs across the river and feeds the areas west and north of the Missouri River. During the period of time the main is out of service for repairs, the City will not be able to provide enough water to residents west and north of the river if irrigation continues. ***The City is asking residents west and north of the river (Neighborhood Council Districts 1, 2 & 3) to refrain from unnecessary water usage, such as watering and irrigating yards. The City is asking that residents in the identified area limit their water usage starting this evening (Wednesday) at 11 p.m., all day Thursday, all day Friday and Saturday morning. Residents can return to their normal watering schedule on Saturday afternoon.***

A water main is an underground pipe that delivers water in a service area. If a hole or crack develops in the pipe, the water will typically find its way to the surface. Because the water main is under pressure, water will continue to flow until the break is repaired. Water main breaks usually result from external corrosion of the pipe. In Great Falls, many of our water main breaks are caused from the age of the pipe. This particular pipe (30-inch main) was installed in 1973 and is part of a 3500 foot area that is scheduled to be replaced the next few years.

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According to Utilities System Supervisor, Mike Judge, "The plan for repairing the water main involves cutting out and removing the corroded piece of pipe and replacing it with a new piece of pipe. We are working with United Materials of Great Falls to have the main repaired as quickly as possible. The plan is to begin major repair work on Thursday and have it completed by Friday."

The City of Great Falls appreciates our residents' patience and cooperation while the water main is being repaired. For questions regarding the water main repair project contact Mike Judge at 727-8390.

Supporting Documents



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