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WATER MAIN SHUT DOWN

SPRINGFIELD - At approximately 6:00 am this morning, the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission was notified of a large main break at the corner of Carew and Main Streets. There are three large water mains in the intersection. As of 8:00 am, two water mains were shut down to avoid additional water loss, a 16-inch water main, and a 20-inch water main. The 24-inch water main was shut down as of 8:30 am. Water pressures are beginning to restore to the city and surrounding communities, however some residents will experience cloudy or discolored water and short periods of low pressure as crews flush the water system. This is normal during a water main break emergency. As soon as more information becomes available, as to the extent and duration of the repair, the Commission will notify the public.

If you experience discolored water, run all cold-water faucets for two to three minutes, shut the water off, allow the water to settle for about 30 minutes, and run the water again for two to three minutes. If the water does not run clear, repeat this process. Do not run the hot water faucets.

Because of the water main break at the intersection of Main and Carew Streets the roadway will be closed to traffic until further notice. Please seek alternate routes.

Please stay tuned to your local media outlet for further information.

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