

DRINKING WATER WARNING
City of Benton Harbor – Water System Loss of Pressure
WATER SYSTEM LOSS OF PRESSURE – DO NOT DRINK

Due to a large water pipe break on Klock Road around 4:00 PM on Wednesday 10/20/2021, the Benton Harbor water system is currently without water service. During a loss of pressure, bacteria may enter the water system and the safety cannot be assured. In addition, water is not available for washing and bathing. Bacteria are generally not harmful and are common throughout our environment. However, a failure of pressure can allow disease causing bacteria to get into tap water. Corrective measures are currently being undertaken to fix the break as soon as possible, and restore water service.

What should I do?

Continue to use bottled water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and preparing food at this time, and after water is restored until filters are approved for use.

Tap water may be used for washing and bathing after pressure is restored, and after flushing your taps including sinks and bathtubs for 5 minutes. However, care must be taken to avoid getting the water in your mouth during bathing, or children's mouths when bathing them.

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. If you believe drinking the water has made you ill, please contact a physician immediately.

What happened? What is being done?

These precautionary actions are being taken due to a large water main break, resulting in the loss of water service to the City. Following the repairs, water service will be restored. Samples will be collected to determine if the water quality meets the state drinking water standards for bacteria. We anticipate restoring water service within one day, and we will notify water customers of sampling results for bacteria.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR UPDATES TO THIS NOTICE.

BOTTLED WATER PICKUP TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe/0,9490,7-392-109022---,00.html>

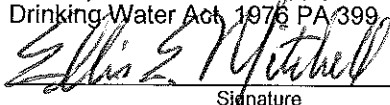
For more information on this water system emergency, please contact Ellis Mitchell, city manager of Benton Harbor at 269-927-8400 or emitchell@bhcity.us. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification requirements in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

WSSN: 600


Signature


Title


Date Distributed

Reminder to water supplier: This notice / certification must be sent to the EGLE.

cc: Berrien County Health Department