



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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City of South Milwaukee Low Water Pressure Issuing BOIL WATER ADVISORY

South Milwaukee, WI –The South Milwaukee Water Utility is experiencing electrical issues due to the storms earlier this week. This electrical issue has affected the main pump at the water plant. Early this morning the City of South Milwaukee, those living in the zip code of 53172, experienced low pressure or lost water pressure. The Water Utility is currently working to restore power and water pressure. The Water Utility has contacted the Oak Creek Water Utility for back up water supply. At this time we ask that all residents conserve water and **boil water prior to consumption**.

Residents may encounter a disruption in services and may experience some discoloration in their water supply or low water pressure when back up supplies arrive from Oak Creek. Due to this, use bottled water or boil water prior to use for drinking. The water system, once tested will need to run clean for 48 hours prior to any use for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, or cooking. This advisory is until further notice.

All food establishments and any business that utilizes water for patients/patrons (i.e. restaurants, taverns, foodstores, doctors, dentists) within the City of South Milwaukee that process and/or prepare food need to cease and desist all tap water operations (including ice made on the premises) until further notice. All tap water is assumed to be contaminated and must not be used unless boiled, per the Department of Natural Resources.

The Water Utility will be running tests for bacteria in the public water supply. The Water Utility is working closely with the Health Department to correct the problem as soon as possible.

Bacteria can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea or headaches. Infants, young children and anyone with a weakened immune system is at an increased risk for developing more severe symptoms. Residents who experience any of these symptoms, even if tap water has been avoided, should call their healthcare provider.

This advisory is in effect until further notice from the South Milwaukee Health Department. Residents are asked to contact neighbors who may not be aware of this advisory.

Monitor the City Website at www.smwi.org, Facebook site for additional information, or contact the Health Department at 414-768-8055 press 3. Do not call 911. At this time the phone system at the Water Utility is also not working, and the City is currently working to restore the phones.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.