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# **Drinking Water Warning**

**Boil Your Water Before Using**

A significant main break caused a loss of water pressure in the distribution system on September 23, 2020, potentially harmful bacteria could be present in the water supply. If these bacteria are present, they could make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. The affected area is limited and can be found in the attached map.

**Do not drink the water without boiling it first**.

Customers should bring water to a rolling boil for 1 full minute, allow the water to cool before using, and store the cooled water in a clean container with a cover. Customers should use boiled water that has cooled or bottled water for:

* Drinking
* Brushing teeth
* Washing fruits and vegetables
* Preparing food and baby formula
* Making ice
* Cleaning food contact surfaces

Water Services staff are repairing the leak, will flush the system, and collect precautionary bacteriological samples. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria are present and you no longer need to boil your water. We should have the bacteriological results within the next 30 hours.

This boil water advisory is a precaution. To limit risk to health, customers should follow the instructions contained in this advisory.

For more information, go to or contact Lacey Goeres-Priest, Water Quality Supervisor at  Salem Public Works, 503-361-2224 or LGoeres@cityofsalem.net. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by contaminants in drinking water are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or the Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services at 971-673-0405.

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