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**Crews Are Responding to a Main Break on NW 23rd Ave Between Thurman and Vaughn Streets**

Portland Water Bureau crews are responding to repair a water main break on Northwest 23rd Avenue between Thurman and Vaughn streets. Northwest 23rd Avenue will be closed between Thurman and Vaughn through the Tuesday evening commute so crews can make the repairs. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians are urged to use caution around the

construction areas.

The onramp to I-405 at Vaughn is currently closed. Please use caution on I-405 and Highway 30 because of standing water. Water is expected to drain shortly. The onramp is expected to be opened by the Tuesday morning commute.

The pipe is a cast iron eight-inch main from 1926. Four water services are affected. Some customers may experience discolored water. Customers are encouraged to run water until it clears.

The Water Bureau’s Maintenance & Construction crews are called out to repair water main breaks at all hours of the day and night, an average of 200 times a year.

Be our eyes and ears. If you think you’ve spotted a broken main, call our emergency line 24-hrs. a day at 503-823-4874.

**ABOUT THE PORTLAND WATER BUREAU**

*The Portland Water Bureau serves water to almost a million people in the Portland area. Portland’s water system includes two great water sources, 53 tanks and reservoirs, and 2,200 miles of pipes. With 600 employees working on everything from water treatment to customer service, the Water Bureau is committed to serving excellent water every minute of every day.*