

## **DRINKING WATER WARNING**

**The City of Flint water system lost pressure and contamination may have occurred  
BOIL YOUR FILTERED WATER BEFORE USING**

Due to construction and a loss of pressure in the City of Flint water supply, bacterial contamination may have occurred in the water system on **June 22, 2020**. Bacteria are generally not harmful and are common throughout our environment. Corrective measures are currently being undertaken to correct the situation.

### **What should I do?**

**AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all **FILTERED** water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. If you are currently **NOT** using a filter to remove lead from drinking water, **FLUSH** your water for **AT LEAST 7 minutes** before collecting any to boil. Boiled **FILTERED**, boiled **FLUSHED**, or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and preparing food. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Continue using boiled or bottled water until further notice.

Due to the pressure loss, there may be trapped air and loose sediment in your water lines. The air and sediment may be removed by flushing your water system. **DO NOT FLUSH YOUR SYSTEM THROUGH THE FILTER.** The resulting air and sediment may affect the performance of your filter and **the filter cartridge should be replaced after the boil water advisory is lifted.**

### **What happened? What is being done?**

These **precautionary** actions are being taken due to the loss of water pressure in the water distribution system for an extended period of time caused by new water main construction connections. Whenever a water system loses pressure for any significant length of time, precautionary measures are recommended. The 24" transmission main has been constructed, passed pressure testing and disinfection and is now being connected to the existing water distribution system. **The affected areas are: Court St. from Kensington St. to Crapo St., Beard St., East Fork Dr. and Woodside Dr. and Avon street east of Court St. may experience low pressure. If you are in the area and lose water service and are not listed above you should follow the boil water advisory as well. Provided the samples pass we expect the boil water notice to be lifted after 24 hours.**

The City of Flint Water Department will be working in conjunction with Diponio Contracting to facilitate the work as quickly as possible to limit the disruption in service. Water staff will be taking other remedial actions such as flushing and collecting bacteriological samples from the system near the area of the disruption. The samples will be collected to determine that water quality meets the state drinking water standards. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. This precautionary boil water notice shall remain in effect until results from the sampling verify the water is safe to drink. **Customers will be advised when the boil water advisory has been lifted.**

For more information, please contact The City of Flint Water Department at (810) 766-7202. 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.*