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**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Update

April 12th, 2023 2:15pm

**Water Main Break Affects Town of Ennis Residents
*DEQ Boil Advisory / Water Service Restored***

April 12th 2023 2:15pm Water service is slowly being restored to downtown Ennis.

The water main has been repaired and water is beginning to fill the pipes. Ennis Public Works has closed many curb stops on East Main Street. As the water is restored Public Works will slowly turn the curb stops on to allow the flow of water.

If you were affected by the water disruption today, Public Works requests you open your cold-water faucets and allow the water to flow through the pipes. Water may take some time to reach your faucets. If you smell chlorine (bleach) do not be alarmed. Please leave your cold-water faucets open until the smell dissipates. MT DEQ is requiring a precautionary **BOIL WATER ADVISORY**.

The **BOIL WATER ADVISORY** applies to residents who may have had air introduced into their water lines from the distribution system. The residents and businesses who were without water at 6am on Wednesday April 12th, 2023 are the only residents and businesses affected by the boil advisory. If you have water at the time of this press release you are not affected by the **BOIL WATER ADVISORY**.

The traffic control lights will remain in place as well as parking restrictions until at least Thursday while crews work downtown. Please slow down, have patience, and drive cautiously around the workers.

Residents that are affected by the water service disruption and boil advisory may pick up bottled water at Ennis Town Hall located at 328 W. Main Street. Bottled water is only for residents affected by the water service disruption and **BOIL WATER ADVISORY**.

Water pickup time are as follows:

Wednesday 4/12/2023 from 6am until 7pm

Thursday 4/12/2023 from 9am until 5pm

See page 2 for the MT DEQ Boil Advisory.

For immediate updates please visit the Town of Ennis's web page at www.ennismontana.org

Updated information will be provided as the situation unfolds.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Boil Water Advisory

for

The Town of Ennis

MT0000208

Water System Water may be Contaminated

On 4/11/2023 our water system experienced a water main break which could have resulted in contamination of the water supply. Because of the loss of pressure, it is unknown if contaminants could have infiltrated the distribution system. This is a precautionary **BOIL WATER ADVISORY** and as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

This **Boil Water Advisory** is precautionary. The town of Ennis public water supply has experienced a loss of pressure due to a water main break. Water system personnel are working diligently to get the water main repaired and disinfected. Your cooperation is needed. Please adhere to the advisory until further notice.

What should I do?

- **Boil your water.**
- *People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.*

What does this mean?

- As a precaution boil the water before consuming until advised otherwise.
- *Fecal coliform and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- *The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

What is being done?

- Repair work is being done in order to restore water to the community.
- Bacteriological samples of the water will be collected.
- Personnel are closely monitoring the situation and will update users.
- 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.*

This notice is being sent to you by Town of Ennis

State Water System ID#: MT0000208

Contact: Ennis Public Works 406-682-4287

Date and Method: second notice 4/12/2023 1415 hours by webpage, Facebook, and press release.