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**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Update

April 14th, 2023 12:00pm

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

April 14th 2023 12:00pm Water Service has been restored to all affected customers. DEQ Boil Advisory remains in effect.

Montana DEQ informed the Town of Ennis more water sample testing is required for the affected customers. The Boil Advisory will remain in effect until at least Tuesday April 18th, 2023. Public works is actively collecting samples, driving them to the lab in Helena and submitting the samples for testing to make this process as fast as possible.

Beginning Monday April 17th, 2023 roadwork will resume in downtown Ennis to inspect and repair the north side of the road damaged by the water main break.

NO PARKING will be permitted from Monday April 17th, 2023 at 3am on East Main Street where the existing traffic cones were located until the project is completed. East Main Street (US287) will once again be restricted to one lane with traffic control devices while the work is being completed. 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:

- Friday 4/14/2023 from 9am until 4pm
- Saturday 4/15 and Sunday 4/16 from 9am until 5pm will be by appointment only. Please call the Police Department at 406-900-1043 x2530 and leave a message. You will be called back and a pickup time will be arranged.

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.*

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