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Meridian Township and the City of East Lansing Issue a Conserve Water Notice
Emergency Issue Causes ELMWSA Water Plant to Shut Down

Meridian Township, MI – Meridian Township, the City of East Lansing and ELMWSA are issuing a notice to conserve water due to an issue that has caused the shutdown of the ELMWSA water plant.

To conserve water, we urge all East Lansing Meridian Water and Sewer Authority (ELMWSA) customers to:

1. NOT take baths at this time
2. Limit showers (in frequency and duration) to the greatest extent possible
3. Wait to do laundry and dishes
4. Refrain from all other high uses of water

We hope to be able to lift this notice to conserve water within 24-48 hours. We ask for everyone's patience during this time.

Am I an ELMWSA Customer? If your water bill comes from Meridian Township or the City of East Lansing, you ARE an ELMWSA customer.

Why do we need to conserve water? One of the main transmission water lines at the ELMWSA plant was damaged on Tuesday, January 10. This caused ELMWSA to not be able to treat water for the residents of the City of East Lansing and Meridian Township. Safe drinking water is being supplied by Lansing Board of Water & Light.

What is being done? We are working to repair the broken water main. However, while this repair occurs, there is limited water supply. To avoid pressure loss in the system, it is important for ELMWSA customers to conserve water until further notice.

An update for ELMWSA customers will be provided later today, January 11, 2023.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially anyone who may not get this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). Post this notice in a public place or distribute copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact:

Joel Martinez of the East Lansing – Meridian Water and Sewer Authority at (517) 337-7535 or jmartinez@elmwsa.com. You can also contact the Michigan Department of Energy Great Lakes and Environment Lansing Office at (517) 284-6700. The Water Plant State I.D. # is WSSN 01995

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