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Trenton Water Works Issues Precautionary Boil Water Advisory for Portions of Ewing and Lawrence Townships

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TRENTON, N.J. — **Trenton Water Works (TWW)** has issued a **Precautionary Boil Water Advisory** for portions of **Ewing Township** and **Lawrence Township** following a 16-inch water main break on Olden Avenue between Arctic Parkway and Princeton Avenue in Ewing Township. Although TWW personnel quickly brought the break under control and isolated the affected water main, the incident caused a temporary loss of water pressure in a portion of the distribution system, necessitating the issuance of the advisory as a precaution.

Following consultation with TWW at approximately 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection directed the water utility to issue the Precautionary Boil Water Advisory in accordance with the federal and state Safe Drinking Water Act and applicable regulations. A temporary loss of water pressure can increase the risk that contaminants may enter the water distribution system. At this time, the advisory is precautionary, and TWW has not confirmed any impact on water quality.

The Precautionary Boil Water Advisory is limited to portions of Ewing Township and Lawrence Township generally bounded by North Olden Avenue, Glen Mawr Drive, Glen Clair Drive, Central Avenue, Green Lane, Ewingville Road, Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville Road, Fairfield Avenue, Princeton Avenue, Calhoun Street, Pennington Avenue, and Parkway Avenue. Customers should refer to the accompanying map to determine whether their property is located within the advisory area.

During the advisory, customers within the affected area should bring tap water to a rolling boil for one minute and allow it to cool before using it, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, preparing food, mixing infant formula, making beverages, washing fruits and vegetables, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, treating minor injuries, and providing drinking water for pets. Customers should also discard uncooked food, beverages, and ice made with tap water on the day the advisory was issued. Home water filtration devices should not be used as a substitute for boiling water because most household filters do not provide adequate protection against microorganisms.

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TWW crews have completed emergency repairs, and laboratory personnel are collecting water quality samples throughout the affected area for laboratory analysis. The Precautionary Boil Water Advisory will remain in effect until laboratory testing is complete, a process that typically takes approximately 24 to 48 hours, and the results confirm that the water is safe to drink. This protocol is standard throughout the water industry and is required under federal and state Safe Drinking Water Act regulations to ensure the continued safety, reliability, and quality of the public water supply.

Once laboratory testing confirms that water quality meets all applicable drinking water standards, TWW will immediately notify customers that the advisory has been lifted through its website, social media channels, news media, and other public notification methods.

"Water main breaks and boil-water advisories are standard in the water industry and underpin our commitment to providing safe, reliable drinking water for our customers," said Michael Walker, Chief of Communications and Public Outreach. "We appreciate the cooperation and patience of our valued service area customers and residents as we ensure high-quality drinking water by following regulatory requirements and sound science."

Customers with questions about the Precautionary Boil Water Advisory may contact TWW **Community Relations** at **(609) 989-3033**.

