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**GLWA CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS AT THE SITE OF ITS
42-INCH WATER MAIN BREAK IN AUBURN HILLS**

- *After working 24/7 over the last several days, crews from GLWA's Field Service Team and emergency contractors completed the repair of the damaged pipe*
- *The repaired pipe has been filled, pressure tested, and disinfected, and flushing of the isolated section of the 42-inch water main will be completed today*
- *GLWA and the impacted communities are now taking the necessary steps to return the regional system to normal operations*
- *Barring any unforeseen complications, GLWA expects water pressure to be returned to the communities sometime on Thursday*
- *The boil water advisories remain in place for Orion Township, the Village of Lake Orion, the northern section of Auburn Hills and the northwest corner of Rochester Hills*
- *Residents of Orion Township, the Village of Lake Orion, City of Rochester Hills, Pontiac, and Auburn Hills are asked to continue limiting their use of water*
- *GLWA's water trucks continue distributing one-gallon containers of water at three locations throughout the impacted communities*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is providing an update on the 42-inch water transmission main break located in River Woods Park in Auburn Hills.

GLWA continues to urge the residents of Orion Township, the Village of Lake Orion, Rochester Hills, Pontiac, and Auburn Hills to restrict their water usage to only what is necessary for hydration and basic hygiene (short showers and toilet flushing) for the duration of the emergency. Please do not run dishwashers, washing machines, or water your lawn.

GLWA's Field Service crews and emergency contractors continued working 24/7 at the break site and completed installation of the new segment of pipe at approximately 6 p.m. on Monday, May 11th. They were then able to fill, pressure test, and disinfect the isolated section of the water main. Early this morning the process of flushing the water main began and is expected to be completed today.

GLWA and the impacted communities are now taking the necessary steps to return the regional system to normal operations. This includes undoing the operational steps taken at the outset of the emergency. This process will likely take 24-36 hours.

Barring any unforeseen complications, GLWA expects to ~~GLWA~~ return water pressure to the impacted communities sometime on Thursday. The individual communities will then need to flush their systems.

The boil water advisories will remain in effect for Orion Township, the Village of Lake Orion, the northern section of Auburn Hills and the northwest corner of Rochester Hills until all required water quality testing is completed by both GLWA and the impacted communities. This multi-day testing process is not expected to begin until the end of the week.

“We have gotten to this point in our response this early because of the partnership and collaboration that has been exhibited by all those involved in this emergency response,” said Suzanne R. Coffey, P.E., CEO, GLWA. “Everyone, including the GLWA team, the teams who work for the impacted communities, and those who live and do business in the impacted communities, have played a critical role in moving our response forward every step of the way. We could not have done it alone and I am extremely grateful for their partnership.”

To continue assisting the impacted communities, GLWA once again deployed its three water trucks to provide residents with one-gallon containers of water. These trucks can provide 2,000 one gallon containers in each trip. The water trucks are stationed at the following locations from 8:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. each day:

Orion Township

- Wildwood Amphitheater, 2700 Joslyn Court

Auburn Hills

- Auburn Hills Department of Public Works, 1500 Brown Road

Village of Lake Orion

- Atwater Park, 426 Atwater Street

On Monday, May 11th, the water truck gave out 10,000 gallons of water via the three locations.

The city of Rochester Hills has also opened a water distribution center in the parking lot of the Von Maur in the Village of Rochester Hills, 400 North Adams Road. Operating hours are 8:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. each day.

For the most updated information, please visit glwater.org, or sign up for your community's emergency alert system. For the communities impacted by this water main break those are:

- Orion Township (CivicPlus)
 - Text “OrionMI” to 38276
 - Sign up online [HERE](#)
- Oakland County (OakAlert)
 - Sign up online [HERE](#)
- Rochester Hills (RH Connect)
 - Sign up online [HERE](#)

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About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent, and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent, of Michigan’s population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA’s board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit, and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent member partner communities outside of the tri-county area.