

Boiling Water No Longer Required

DATE: February 25, 2021
TO: Water Customers in the 800 block of Mayflower
Avenue and 2200 block of Peirce Avenue.
FROM: [REDACTED] Superintendent of Water
Distribution
City of Bloomington
Public Works Department
Water Division
SUBJECT: **BOIL ORDER LIFTED**

A water main break occurred in the morning of Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Service was interrupted for customers in the 800 Mayflower Avenue and 2200 block of Peirce Avenue.

Repairs are complete and the necessary flushing and purification verification steps have also been completed. **Please follow the attached flushing instructions to ensure the water in your home is safe.**

Water samples have been confirmed to be free of coliform bacteria by a certified laboratory. You may return to normal use of your water service once flushing is complete.

Please call the City of Bloomington Public Works Department - Water Division at 309-434-2225, Monday - Friday, 7:30a.m. - 4:30p.m., if you have any questions or need further information. The City of Bloomington Public Works Department - Water Division apologizes for any inconvenience.

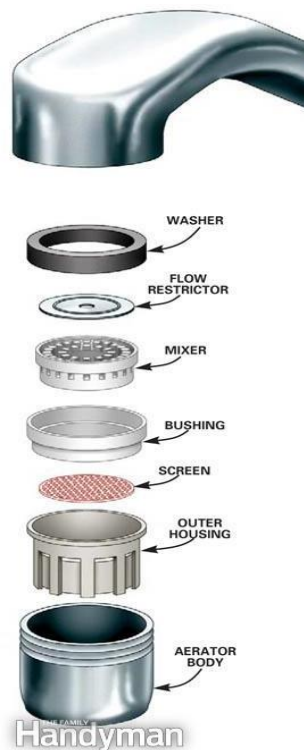
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FLUSHING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the boil order is lifted, users should flush their water system. American Water Works Association (AWWA) flushing recommendations supported by the City:

1. As required, remove faucet aerators, or screens, from all cold water taps or fixtures.
To clear the screen. (see figure 1)
 - a. Unscrew the screen.
 - b. Separate the individual parts.
 - c. Remove any sediment build-up on the screen and other parts. If needed, soak in white vinegar for a few minutes and scrub with a brush.

Figure 1 -



2. Beginning in the lower level of your home, fully open all cold water taps, including faucets, bathtubs, showers, and outside hose bibs.
3. Let the water run for at least 30 minutes at the farthest tap opened, which should be on the top floor.
4. Turn off each tap starting with the taps on the top floor.
5. Reassemble and reattach parts to the faucet.

After the initial flushing, the AWWA recommends and the City encourages utilizing a filter for drinking water and cooking water for four months, particularly if you are pregnant or have children under age six. Make sure the filter is independently certified to remove lead, meeting NSF Standard 53. In addition, if your water hasn't been used for several hours, run the water through the faucet for three to five minutes to flush the service line. This flushing will bring fresh water into the premise from the water main and thereby remove any lead that may have dissolved into the water stored in the premise plumbing and service line.

For more information, please contact the City of Bloomington Public Works Department -

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