

PRESS RELEASE

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WATER LINE BREAK AND ESSENTIAL WATER USE GUIDELINES

Glenwood Springs, Colo.- On June 24 at 11:37 a.m., the City of Glenwood Springs notified residents of a raw water supply line break, and to cease all non-essential use of water until further notice.

For the purpose of clarifying these restrictions the following guidelines are offered.

Essential water usage includes: drinking, toilets, water necessary for cooking and basic hygiene. Restaurant operations are also considered essential.

Non-essential water usage includes showers, irrigation, dishwasher, washing machine, and car wash.

The cause of the disruption was a break in the raw water line servicing the Water Treatment plant. Maintenance was not being performed on the line at the time of rupture and the break is believed to be a factor of aging infrastructure. Water Department staff was alerted to the issue by an audible noise when the line broke. Staff quickly assessed the issue and shut off the effected water line.

Water usage restrictions are necessary until the line can be repaired and the Water Treatment Plant can refill. The plant has approximately 5 million gallons of volume in reserve tanks, which fluctuate depending on daily usage. Currently City water is being provided from these tanks.

A large section of road on Red Mountain Drive was impacted by the rupture and City crews are actively working to repair the impacted area. All residents above the water treatment plant are being rerouted to an alternate route. There is no current time for reopening the damaged road.

“Thank you so very much to our local contractors who have offered assistance without even being asked. That kind of teamwork and sacrifice is what our community is all about. I am proud of our staff that acted quickly, as well as staff working tirelessly to fix the issue. Thank you to all water users for their efforts to reduce water usage while we work to fix the line,” said Mayor Jonathan Godes.

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