



City of Barre, Vermont

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UPDATE

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CITY of BARRE

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

UPDATE: Barre City Public Works crews have excavated, located, and exposed the water main leak, which is in a 10” high-pressure line at the entrance to the Dollar General Parking Lot. The leak has been isolated from the system and no further water loss is occurring. A replacement section of pipe is being retrieved from inventory. The process of removing the fractured section will start shortly, and the installation of the replacement section will start immediacy thereafter. The estimated time for completing the repair is approximately 6+/- hours (11:30 p.m. +/-) but the actual duration is dependent on the degree of difficulty to complete the repair. We see NO NEED for a Boil Water Notice at this time. We will issue an update once the repair is completed. In the meantime, refer to the advice provided below.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, a major leak erupted on a water main in Barre City’s “North-End”. The general location is at the entrance to the Dollar General Parking Lot. Water Department crews arrived on scene at approximately 10:00 a.m. and are now working to isolate the leak and excavate to determine the extent of required repairs.

Northbound traffic is being re-routed around the break area through the Public Safety Building Parking Lot.

A preliminary estimate at this time is that the repair could take approximately 8 hours, but the specific duration depends on the difficulty of finding the exact location of the break and the complexity of the repair.

Depending on the location of valves isolating the break, water service could be affected in the north end from Berlin Streets to the Knoll Motel, particularly in the higher elevations in the Richardson Road area. Residents should consider alternative water supplies (commercial bottled

water) for cooking and drinking, as well as the filling of bathtubs for toilet use. Water should not be used for drinking purposes during periods of low pressure. Residents should also consider turning off the heating elements of your water heater in case the unit drains due to the loss of water in the City mains. Once water service is returned, the water may be cloudy. Let the water run until clear.

We will make every effort to update this announcement as the repair work progresses.

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