

On August 13th, GLWA issued a precautionary Boil Water Advisory after it discovered a break on a 120-inch water transmission main that distributes finished drinking water from Lake Huron Water Treatment Facility to communities in the northern part of the GLWA's drinking water service area.

Crews have identified the location of the break, which is approximately one mile west of GLWA's Lake Huron Water Treatment Facility and are working to isolate the area around it so that repair work can begin. Once the leak is isolated, crews will begin to open emergency connections to other mains in the system to restore some flow to the impacted communities.

Under this precautionary Boil Water Advisory, residents should not drink the water without boiling it first. Residents must bring all water to a boil for at least one minute and then let it cool before using. Boiled, bottled or disinfected water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

Whenever a water system loses pressure for any significant length of time, precautionary measures are recommended since a loss of pressure can lead to bacterial contamination in the water system. Bacteria are generally not harmful and are common throughout our environment. Boiling water before using it will kill bacteria and other organisms that may be in the water.

The Village of Almont's water system has not lost pressure yet, so the Boil Water Advisory was issued out of an abundance of caution. Please conserve water as pressure will continue to decrease until the main break is fixed, which GLWA estimates to be two weeks. We do have the back-up well running in order to maintain pressure should that pressure begin to decrease.

GLWA has rerouted water to the north service center which includes Almont and their pressure is only at 25 PSI. We are still operating on our back-up well and water tower pressure, which is 85 psi. It is very important that we continue to restrict the water usage so that Almont does not lose pressure. Please refrain from any outside watering (i.e., watering lawns and washing cars).

Bottle water distribution: This will be handled by the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and Lapeer County. Once we know more information, we will provide an update.

For more information, please contact Great Lakes Water Authority Water Quality at waterquality@glwater.org or by calling (313) 926-8192 or (313) 926-8128. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.