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BOIL WATER NOTICE IN EFFECT FOR SOUTHERN PART OF MARCO ISLAND

(March 30, 2024) In the early morning of March 30th there was a failure at the South Water Treatment Plan which caused a pump to shut down. This led to a drop in water pressure below 20 pounds per square inch (psi). Any time the pressure in the water lines that transport potable water falls below 20 psi, a boil water notice is issued as a precaution, even when contamination is unlikely. The typical notice is issued as a precaution until water samples can be collected and analyzed, which can take 48 hours. This is done because any loss in water pressure creates the possibility of harmful bacteria entering the lines.

The area impacted by this boil water notice is the southern part of Marco Island including areas west and south of the Winterberry Bridge, and south of Winterberry Drive and South Barfield Drive. Electronic message boards are posted in the areas to alert residents. A map is also attached to this release.

A boil water notice means tap water should not be used for drinking, cooking, or ice-making until tests verify the water meets all standards. Testing the water and obtaining the results typically takes 48 hours. In the meantime, any tap water used for drinking or in anything that humans and animals ingest, should be vigorously boiled for at least one full minute. The boiling kills any microorganisms that may be present.

Residents are encouraged to follow the Marco Island City Hall Facebook or Nextdoor pages, Marco Island Twitter, or subscribe to the free MyMarco mobile app to get important updates. We apologize for this inconvenience, especially over the holiday weekend.

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