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Bay County Declares a Local State of Emergency Due to Water Main Break

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BAY CITY. Bay County has declared a local state of emergency due to the water shortage brought on by a water main break. The local state of emergency will remain in effect until the leak has been identified, and the water use emergency has been lifted.

The incident has escalated to the point where coordination among several agencies is required. The local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be activated at 7:00am Monday morning, and will be staffed from 7:00am to 7:00pm by representatives from responding agencies until the crisis is over.

“After careful consideration and collaboration with the City of Bay City it became necessary to declare a “local state of emergency” under the Michigan Emergency Management Act (Public Act 390 of 1976, as amended),” said Tom Hickner, Bay County Executive. “This activates appropriate response and recovery aspects of the local government. As part of this, all local response procedures are followed as stated in the local Emergency Action Guidelines (EAG).”

The local declaration is also the first step in requesting any state aid that may be needed as the incident progresses. The water use emergency will remain in effect until further notice. While the water use emergency is in effect, all use of water for purposes other than maintenance of public health and safety shall be prohibited. Residential water use shall be limited to the amount necessary to sustain life through drinking, food preparation and personal hygiene.

This water usage ban applies to all consumers who receive their water from the City of Bay City Water Treatment Plant which includes most of Bay County.

Communities that are **NOT** affected by this ban:

- City of Auburn
- Village of Linwood
- Frankenlust Township West of I-75

Bay County will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the safety and security of its residents. For the latest information, individuals are encouraged to monitor local media and follow the guidance of local emergency responders.