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Bay County Lifts Local State of Emergency; Leak Found

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Bay City: Bay City officials have located the water main leak on the East side of Bay City. A property owner on the Riverfront adjacent to the Bay City Waste Water Treatment Plant informed officials of flowing water going into the Saginaw River. Officials were dispatched and confirmed the leak in a 24 inch water main. The water from this leak was flowing into the River via a storm drain. The leak has been isolated from the system. The Water Treatment Plant has been able to generate adequate water reserves and regain approximately 70% of the water reserve that was lost.

THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN LIFTED. Businesses may resume normal operations. However, a non-essential water ban remains in effect as follows:

The City of Bay City is continuing the ban on non-essential use of water; such as for the purpose of:

- Sprinkling, watering, or irrigating of gardens, shrubbery, trees, lawns, or ground covers.
- Washing of sidewalks, driveways, service station aprons, porches, patios and other outdoor hard surface areas or for the filling of swimming pools.
- Using water for any ornamental fountain, pool, pond, etc.
- Washing of any mobile equipment including cars, trucks, trailers, boats, or airplanes,
 - Commercial car washes are permitted to resume operations due to the fact that the majority of the water used in their operations is recycled water.
- Refrain from withdrawing water from a public or private fire hydrant for any reason other than to suppress a fire or other public emergency.

This non-essential water ban applies to all consumers who receive their water from the City of Bay City Water Treatment Plant which includes most of Bay County. The communities NOT affected by this ban are the Village of Linwood, City of Auburn, and Frankenlust Township West of I-75. The City of Bay City encourages all users of the water system to conserve as much water as possible

It is anticipated that the remaining water use restriction will be lifted when reserves are replenished and the system is fully recovered.

As always if abnormal water flow is observed, please report at 989-894-8316.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the community, both residents and businesses, for their support through this process in reducing their water usage.

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