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Routine maintenance to cause limited water service interruption March 8

A routine water maintenance repair will temporarily interrupt water service to approximately 100 Sarasota County Utilities customers on Monday, March 8, as Utilities crews replace a water meter assembly. The work is scheduled to last from 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. near the intersection of Proctor Road and Swift Road in Sarasota. Because of the length of water service interruption, a precautionary boil water advisory will be issued for affected residents.

While the county has no reason to believe the drinking water will be contaminated, Florida law requires that drinking water providers issue precautionary boil water advisories to customers affected by pressure losses in water mains.

While the advisory is in effect, the county advises affected customers to boil all tap water intended for drinking, preparation of food, washing of food utensils, making ice, brushing teeth or for first aid, making sure the water is brought to a rolling boil for one minute. Boiling the tap water disinfects it, destroying any harmful microorganisms. Bottled water can be used as an alternative to boiling the tap water.

Over the next few days, the county will collect a series of samples in the affected area and analyze them to ensure the drinking water wasn't contaminated by potentially harmful bacteria during the service interruption. Customers will be notified when the boil water advisory has been cancelled.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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