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## **Precautionary boil water advisory expanded for residents in Pinewood Village subdivision of Sarasota**

A precautionary boil water advisory that was issued for approximately 120 Sarasota County Utilities customers in the Pinewood Village condominium, after a routine water maintenance repair, has been expanded to approximately 300 customers.

County Utilities crews report that on Monday evening, repairs became more extensive than originally anticipated. This boil water advisory, which originally affected only residents in the Pinewood Village condominium, has been extended to residents living on Gypsy Street from Camphor Street to Lockwood Ridge Road; Camphor Street from Gypsy Street to Proctor Road; Riverpine Way from Proctor Road to Olympic Street; and both sides of Proctor Road from Camphor Street to Lords Avenue.

Residents are being notified by automated calls of the advisory.

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.