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## **Sarasota County repairs water main break at U.S. 41 and Cass Street**

Sarasota County Utilities has repaired of a 4" water main break at U.S. 41 and Cass Street, south of Gulf Gate Drive.

While the county has no reason to believe the drinking water was 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 boiling tap water for drinking, food preparation, washing 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 harmful microorganisms. Bottled water can be used as an alternative to boiling 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 notified by another automated telephone call that the boil water advisory has been cancelled.

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

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