

## PUBLIC STATEMENT

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# **FIRST NOTICE BOIL WATER ALERT – SELECT AREA AROUND EAST RIVER STREET IN GRAND LEDGE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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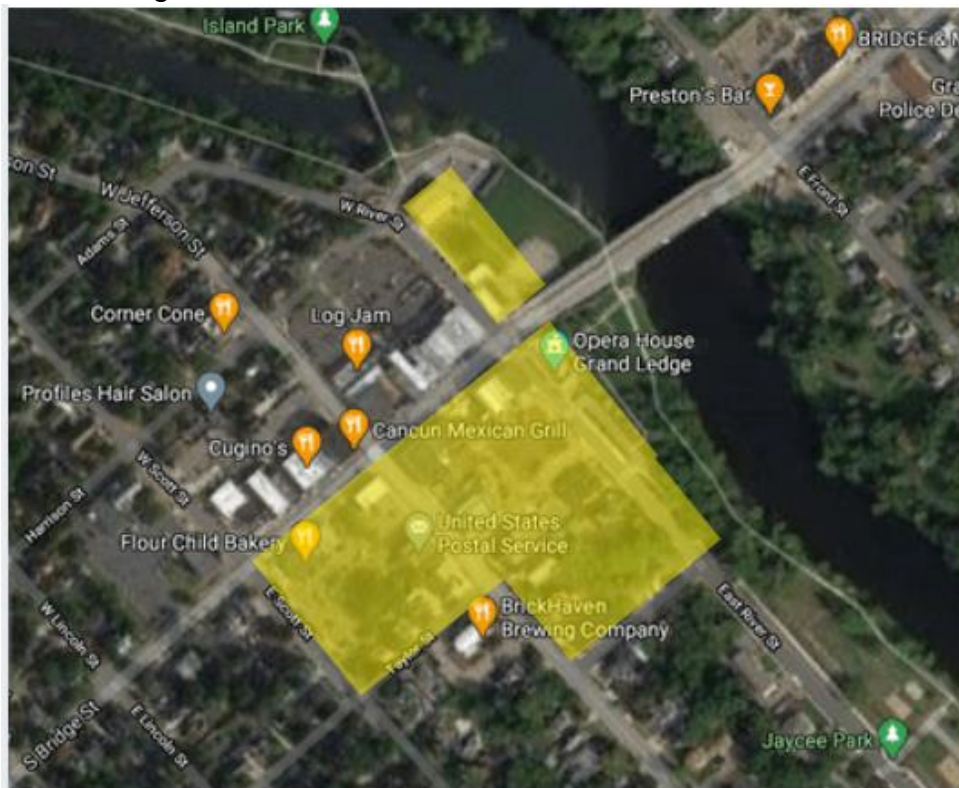
GRAND LEDGE, MI, December 28, 2020, 2:50 PM –

### ***What happened?***

A water main break on East River Street has affected water pressure for a select area of residents and businesses. This incident has caused the City to issue a boil water advisory until further notice. A contractor is on site completing the repair.

### ***To whom does this apply?***

Grand Ledge residents and businesses as noted in the shaded area of the map.



**Boil your water before using**

Bring tap water to a rolling boil, boil for one minute, and cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

NOTE: From the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding water usage and COVID-19. Tap water can still be used to wash hands when a Boil Water Advisory has been issued. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

Water and COVID-19 – Frequently Asked Questions – Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>

**If my utility has issued a Boil Water Advisory, can I still use tap water to wash my hands?** –

In most cases, it is safe to wash your hands with soap and tap water during a Boil Water Advisory. Follow the guidance from your local public health officials. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

**What is being done?**

The City of Grand Ledge is working with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE), to monitor the situation. The City will provide an update on the situation by 5:00 PM on Thursday, December 31, 2020, upon receiving results from the first required EGLE testing.

**How long will the advisory be in effect?**

The City of Grand Ledge will conduct required EGLE certified laboratory tests to ensure water meets State of Michigan standards. Two consecutive water sampling tests will be completed at 24 hours and 48 hours after water pressure is restored. The tests will indicate whether the boil water advisory should remain in effect or if it can be lifted.

**How will we know if the advisory is still in effect?**

Updates for this advisory can be found on our website, [www.cityofgrandledge.com](http://www.cityofgrandledge.com), and Facebook page, @CityofGrandLedgeGovernment, as it becomes available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience.

**Quick Tips for Boil Water Advisory**

**Use Tap Water for:**

- Washing clothes (unless water is cloudy)
- Taking showers (for adults)
- Flushing toilets

**Use Boiled or Bottled Water for:**

- Drinking
- Brushing teeth
- Washing fruits and vegetables
- Preparing food
- Mixing baby formula
- Making ice
- Giving water to pets

**Use Caution:**

- Most kitchen and other household filters DO NOT remove bacteria or viruses
- Coffee makers, vending machine for soda and coffee with a line to the water supply
- Bathing babies and young children (give sponge bath; use boiled water that has cooled)

**How to Boil Water during an Advisory**

- 1
  - Fill a pot with water.
  - Heat until bubbles come from the bottom of the pot to the top.
- 2
  - Once the water reaches a rolling boil, let it boil for one ( 1 ) minute.
- 3
  - Turn off the heat source and let the water cool.
  - Store in a clean container with a cover.