

## DRINKING WATER WARNING

### ***Village of Howard City lost pressure and contamination may have occurred BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING***

Due to a drop-in pressure in the Village of Howard City water supply, bacterial contamination may have occurred in the water system. Bacteria are generally not harmful and are common throughout our environment. Corrective measures are currently being undertaken to correct the situation.

**The affected area is West Shaw Street from Muenscher Street to the West City limits and also includes Alder Street, North and South Hemlock, Mulberry St., West Edgerton St (west of Mulberry St.), to include Shaw Lane Apartments.**

#### **What should I do?**

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and preparing food. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Continue using boiled or bottled water until further notice.

#### **What happened? What is being done?**

These precautionary actions are being taken due to the loss of water pressure in the water distribution system caused by a water main break on September 18, 2023. Whenever a water system loses pressure for any significant length of time, precautionary measures are recommended.

The Village of Howard City is working to get pressure restored, and water staff will be taking other remedial actions such as flushing and collecting bacteriological samples from around the system. The samples will be collected to determine that the water quality meets the state drinking water standards. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 48 hours.

This boil water notice shall remain in effect until results from the sampling verify the water is safe to drink. **Customers will be advised when the boil water advisory has been lifted.**

For more information, please contact David Belden of Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. at 616-799-3181. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

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#### CERTIFICATION:

WSSN: 03240

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification requirements in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.



Signature

*Operator in Charge*

Title

*9-18-23*

Date Distributed

Reminder to water supplier: This notice / certification must be sent to EGLE.

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