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New Orleans Residents Urged to Reduce Water This Morning

NEW ORLEANS – The Sewerage & Water Board is urging New Orleans residents to conserve water this morning as the agency works to manage the effects of this week's prolonged freeze.

Water pressure across the East Bank remained very low overnight, due to a combination of leaks, water line breaks and consistent water use. The S&WB called for a boil water advisory for the entire East Bank of New Orleans this morning.

The S&WB expects the number of leaks to rise as temperatures rise and frozen pipes thaw.

To counter that anticipated additional strain on the system, the S&WB is calling on residents to reduce their water use as much as possible this morning. We understand the challenges this may impose on some residents, but reducing stress on the water distribution system will go a long way toward helping to preserve its reliability.

To that end, if at all possible, do not run faucets. Do not run dishwashers or washing machines. If it is not a major inconvenience or threat to health and safety, turn off the water at the main water valve of your home. This should be located where the main water line enters your home.

The hope is to significantly reduce water use until this afternoon, when rising temperatures will allow officials to identify additional places where excessive amounts of water continue to leave the system due to large pipe breaks. Higher temperatures in the early afternoon will also dramatically reduce the threat to residential water pipes posed by freezing conditions.

Owners of large commercial properties are also encouraged to inspect their private properties for any large pipe breaks or leaks that can be causing excessive water to leave the system and begin mitigating the problem.

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