

## **WATER TEAM**

## WATER PUMPING, WATER DISTRIBUTION, UTILITY BILLING

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To: City of Elyria Water Customers

From: Samuel F. Jacob, Water Team Leader

## **Dear Water Customers:**

On October 8 and 9, 2024, the City of Elyria was performing the final inspection of the transmission pipes from the Elyria Water Pumping Plant to the Elyria Water System. As part of this inspection, one of the major transmission lines that delivers water to Elyria Customers was shut down for approximately 6 hours each day.

It is possible that the temporary transmission main shutdown could cause discolored water and/or a temporary increase in lead levels in the drinking water.

As a standard practice the USEPA recommends the following actions to reduce possible lead exposure in the drinking water:

- If water has not been used for several hours, run the tap until there is a noticeable temperature drop. Then, run water for 30 seconds to 3 minutes before using it for drinking and cooling. This helps flush water that may have contained lead that may have leached from plumbing.
- Use cold water for cooking, drinking, and preparing baby formula. Boiling the water will not reduce lead levels.
- If you are experiencing discolored water, run the cold water until it clears up.
- Clean your faucet aerators regularly.
  - For additional information visit drinktap.org or www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

While these necessary inspections help ensure the highest quality water is delivered to you daily, we understand the process may cause a temporary inconvenience and we appreciate your patience. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Samuel F. Jacob, Water Team Leader, at (440) 234-6201 or sjacob@cityofelyria.org, or visit our website at www.cityofelyria.org for updates.