



NOTICE OF WATER FACILITIES WORK IN YOUR AREA

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming construction project planned to occur along and near Mississippi River Blvd. S. between Jefferson Ave. and Randolph Ave and between Hartford Ave. and Highland Pkwy. this summer. Overview maps of the project area are included at the end of this letter. Residents who do not live on Mississippi River Blvd. S. are receiving this letter to inform them that construction may affect them along with some temporary water service disruptions during the duration of this project.

Why is this work being done?

Saint Paul Regional Water Services takes pride in providing reliable, high-quality water to customers throughout our distribution area. To ensure the reliability of our network, SPRWS regularly replaces aging infrastructure that may be susceptible to breaking with newer, more dependable infrastructure. This will reduce the likelihood of future water main breaks and service disruptions in the area.

What will this work entail?

The water main generally runs along and to the east side and south of Mississippi River Blvd. S. The water main will be replaced using a method called pipe bursting. This is a trenchless method of pipe replacement that allows for reduced impacts to the existing surface. Upon completion of the water main replacement work, the disturbed portions of the roadway and turf will be repaired.

What is the project timeline?

The work is scheduled to be done between April and October of 2020. A specific start date is to be determined when a contract is awarded. SPRWS staff will work as efficiently as possible to minimize disruptions to the neighborhood.

How will this affect me and/or my business?

Water Service Disruption:

You may experience a temporary disruption to your water service at some point during the project. Disruptions may last up to 8 hours, and you will be notified at least 24 hours in advance of any such disruptions. Upon reinstatement of water service, you may want to briefly turn on a sink or shower at the highest point in your building to purge any air in your plumbing.

Except for the possible interruption described above, customers can expect normal access to tap water. This water will be provided by temporary water mains. SPRWS staff will need to access some properties to connect and disconnect these temporary water mains. SPRWS staff will also need to access some homes and businesses to shut off the water meter during this project – a safety precaution that prevents any contamination due to construction activities.

Traffic:

During construction, access to homes and businesses will be allowed, but through traffic may be diverted around the area via detours. Street parking will be restricted at times to allow for efficient traffic flow.

What is the cost?

There is no charge to property owners or building tenants for this work.

Website

For more information and updates related to this project please visit our webpage at: www.stpaul.gov/water. (Note: We are currently updating our website, so please check back at a later date if the project webpage is not yet available.)

For questions related to this project feel free to contact me at kaitlin.swanson@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-6289. You may also contact our 24/7 dispatch office at 651-266-6874.

SPRWS is proud to provide you with reliable, high-quality water. We recognize that projects of this nature can be inconvenient for customers and we will be working hard throughout the project to minimize disruptions.

Sincerely,



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