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DANVERS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Danvers, MA – On **Tuesday June 21, 2022**, the Town of Danvers will be commissioning the startup of a Chlorine Booster Station, located at the Folly Hill water storage tank. This new station will add chlorine to the water at Folly Hill rather than relying on adding chlorine at the Treatment Plant in Middleton. The purpose of the chlorine is to disinfect the water and this new station will provide more evenly distributed disinfection throughout our system. The Town is required to test the performance of the station for final approval by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

The initial startup of the Chlorine Booster Station will temporarily change the distribution and pressure of water throughout Danvers and Middleton. Distribution and pressure changes may last for a short duration of time between the hours of 6:00am-10:00am. The water supply will be maintained by the water storage tank located at the former Danvers State Hospital during the startup. Due to the nature of this type of distribution system change, Danvers and Middleton customers may experience some temporary inconveniences such as the loss of water pressure and slightly discolored water. The Town of Danvers will make every effort to keep these inconveniences to a minimum but is requesting residents to immediately contact the Town of Danvers Engineering Division at 978-777-2668 or the Danvers Water Treatment Plant at 978-774-5054 for any noticeable changes in water quality.

Additional information regarding the project will be posted on the Town of Danvers website (www.danversma.gov) and the Danvers DPW Facebook and Twitter pages. We have included some FAQ's with this release to help aid with questions.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Water System Improvements:

Who will be affected by the work?

All water customers located in Danvers and Middleton.

What is a water quality change?

Any change in color, taste, odor, smell, etc.

Will the water be safe to drink?

Yes, measures are in place to make sure the water supply is protected and safe to drink.

Is there enough water for both towns?

Yes, the State Hospital Tank stores enough water for more than a full day supply.

Why is this occurring, and will it occur again?

The Town of Danvers is required to perform this test of the components of the system with MassDEP prior to turning the entire station online. Once MassDEP has completed their evaluation the new station will remain online.

How will my pressure be affected?

Danvers and Middleton customers may experience a loss of water pressure. The greatest change may occur closest to the Folly Hill Tank. Residents near the Water Treatment Plant may also experience a small drop in normal water pressure.

What if I see discolored water?

Call the Danvers DPW. Run your cold-water faucets until it clears.

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