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KDHE lifts boil order for Osawatomie

Osawatomie – A boil order issued Friday afternoon for the City of Osawatomie has been lifted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The city was under the order as a precautionary measure to ensure the water supply was not contaminated following a water main break and subsequent loss of water pressure. The order was in effect for all homes and businesses within the city's service area. Because the municipal water plant supplies Miami County Rural Water districts 1 and 3, the boil order had also pertained to those customers.

"The safety and quality of the water supply is our top-priority at the City of Osawatomie, and we are happy to announce the boil order can now be lifted since all tests confirmed that no contamination occurred," Osawatomie City Manager Don Cawby said. "The city apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this unfortunate incident."

With the order lifted, residents are advised to flush their water lines as the loss of pressure can potentially stir up any loose materials that could be in the lines. As a result, some slight discoloration could be present for a day or two. However, this is an expected result and does not pose a health risk.

Please follow these guidelines:

- **Water faucets: Flush faucets for five minutes with cold water. For a multi-level residence, start at the top of the house.**
- **Showers: Flush showers for five minutes with a mix of hot and cold water.**
- **Toilets: Nothing is required.**
- **Washing Machines: Nothing is required.**
- **Dishwashers: If your machine has a sanitize cycle, run one cycle.**
- **Outdoor Faucets: Disconnect the hose, and flush for five minutes.**
- **Refrigerator Water Dispenser: Flush for five minutes, or at least until one quart of water is dispensed.**
- **Faucet/Fridge Water Filters: Consider replacing filter per manufacturer instructions.**
- **In-Line Water Filter: Consider replacing filter per manufacturer instructions.**

- **Ice-Makers:** Dump all existing ice and discard any new ice made during the next 24-hour period to assure complete purging of the water supply line. Wash and sanitize ice bin.
- **Water Heaters:** Run hot water from all faucets until water runs cold, or drain the water heater using the spigot/release on the bottom of the heater.
- **Water-Softeners:** Cycle water softener per manufacturer instructions.
- **Reverse-Osmosis Systems:** Cycle through and consider replacing filters per manufacturer instructions.
- **Soft-Drink Dispensers:** Disconnect flavoring and cycle water through until replaced with fresh water. Reconnect flavoring.

Customers with additional questions or concerns during the weekend can contact the Osawatomie Police Department at 913-755-2101 and ask for dispatch, or call City Hall on Monday during regular business hours.