



Auburn Hills Police Department Media Release



Auburn Hills State of Emergency Water Main Break & Boil Water Advisory

Auburn Hills, Michigan, May 10, 2026 – Earlier this morning, at about 1:30 am, a major water main burst within the City of Auburn Hills. This water main is a Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) 42” transmission line located within the city’s River Woods Park (Squirrel Rd. south of M-59). Emergency personnel and city staff immediately responded to the scene of the break, which caused significant flooding within the park and on Squirrel Rd. GLWA was able to shut off water to this section of the main transmission line and water was able to be drained from the road. Emergency personnel confirmed that no one was injured during this incident. Squirrel Rd. was temporarily shut down for a period of time but has since re-opened to traffic. River Woods Park will remain closed until further notice while GLWA completes the necessary repairs.

GLWA is a regional supplier of municipal water in Auburn Hills, particularly in the north end of the city. **Due to the nature of this water main break the City of Auburn Hills has declared a State of Emergency. Residents and businesses shall only use water for emergency purposes.** For all areas within the city limits, north of Taylor Road, water is currently being supplied by a municipal water tower, however this may not last until repairs are completed. In this area of the city, water may eventually run out. For areas south of Taylor Road the use of water for emergency purposes only is also in effect, as alternative resources are being utilized to provide water in this area of the city.

A MANDATORY BOIL WATER ADVISORY has been issued for all areas of the City of Auburn Hills, north of Cross Creek Parkway/University Drive. Residents and water users should not drink the water without boiling it first.

GLWA will be providing potable water for residents at several locations, to include one location in Auburn Hills. Additional information, including the hours and location will be shared at the appropriate time.

All updates and further communication will be issued through a Joint Information Center established in coordination with the City of Auburn Hills, Orion Township, Village of Lake Orion, Oakland County, and GLWA. A media conference is scheduled today at 10am at the Orion Township Hall, located at 2323 Joslyn Rd., Lake Orion, MI.

All information and updates will be shared on the City of Auburn Hills website at www.auburnhills.org and at <https://www.glwater.org/pr-media/>

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