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# News Release

## Water Treatment Facility valve repair could reduce pressure

*Arkansas City remains in Stage 1 Water Watch of Water Conservation Plan*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (November 13, 2020) — Residents of central and south Ark City may briefly experience reduced water pressure this weekend as a result of planned repairs, but this will not persist.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, the Environmental Services Division will shut down the Water Treatment Facility and close three discharge valves in order to repair a broken 24-inch discharge valve behind the facility.

During this repair time, the south pressure zone will be supplied water only by the Bryant Road standpipe in north Arkansas City. “This should not be an issue and everyone should still have plenty of pressure,” said Environmental Services Superintendent Rod Philo.

The area that will be on standpipe pressure only during this repair, which is expected to take about three hours, is from the south side of Radio Lane east and south to the Arkansas River, including Sleeth Addition, as well as areas east of the Walnut River.

The City of Arkansas City remains in Stage 1 of its Municipal Water Conservation Plan at this time.

The public is asked to curtail outdoor water use and to make efficient use of indoor water, such as by washing full loads of laundry, taking short showers, not letting faucets run endlessly and so forth.

“Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this service disruption,” Philo said.

“We know it is an inconvenience to conserve water and to experience loss of pressure, but please be assured we are working diligently to maintain and repair our water distribution system.”

### **About the Municipal Conservation Plan for the City of Arkansas City**

The City of Arkansas City addresses its short-term water shortage problems through a series of stages based on conditions of supply and demand with accompanying triggers, goals and actions.

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Each stage is more stringent in water use than the previous stage. The City Manager is authorized by ordinance to implement the appropriate conservation measures in Arkansas City as needed.

The goals of Stage 1, Water Watch, are to heighten public awareness about water conditions and to maintain the integrity of the water supply system.

This stage is triggered by conditions that indicate the probability is rising of a drought or some other condition causing a major water supply shortage, such as a large water main break. Actions include:

- The City will make occasional news releases to the local media, describing present conditions and indicated the water supply outlook for the upcoming season.
- Previous months' summaries of precipitation, temperature, water levels and storage will be made public at the beginning of each month.
- Water-saving tips will be included in billings to water utility customers.
- The City's water wells will be cleaned and flushed to maintain them at their most efficient condition.
- Leaks will be repaired within 48 hours of detection, if possible.
- The City will monitor its use of water and will curtail activities such as hydrant flushing and street cleaning.

The public will be asked to curtail outdoor water use and to make efficient use of indoor water, such as by washing full loads of laundry, taking short showers, not letting faucets run indefinitely and so forth.

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