



Important Notice

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Wednesday activation of the bypass is expected to begin at 9am; once activated, Winchester residents along Eugene Drive, Keenan Drive, and Bellevue Avenue may notice some discolored water or slightly reduced pressure when supplied by the bypass. Stoneham residents near the activated bypass along Hill Street and Katherine Road may also see similar service impacts. If discolored water does occur, it will be from a small amount of iron in local pipes following the redirected water supply to this area, and may also be possible for 1 to 2 days after the activation of the bypass line. Please note that iron will stain light colored items in your laundry, especially when bleach is used. Residents should check water clarity before washing any white or lighter colored laundry during this period of work. Residents may want to wait for the water to clear before using it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact MWRA Community Relations Coordinator, Sean Navin at (617) 788-1112 or sean.navin@mwra.com.



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