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Countywide Boil Water Advisory Lifted

New water main installed 24 hours ahead of schedule

DECATUR, Ga. – The countywide boil water advisory, which began Wednesday morning, has been cancelled after the Georgia Environmental Protection Division reviewed a series of microbiological test results and authorized the advisory to be lifted.

The boil water advisory cancellation comes after DeKalb County crews and contractors successfully replaced a section of a broken water main along Buford Highway 24 hours ahead of schedule.



A boil water advisory has been cancelled after crews repair a broken water main.

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“Thanks to the quick response and hard work of DeKalb County crews, residents and businesses can now return to using county water without taking precautions,” said CEO Michael Thurmond. “I apologize for the inconvenience, understand the frustration and thank our citizens and business owners for their support and encouragement while we worked to restore our water system.”

Beginning at noon on Wednesday and ending at midnight Thursday, it took workers 36 hours to complete the installation of four sections of 46-inch pipe, totaling 90 linear feet. The newly installed water main section has been covered by soil and crews are working to backfill the broader excavated area with soil.

Water pressure has returned to normal throughout the county.



DeKalb County secured some of the needed pipe section from the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority.

The pipe sections for the repairs came from Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and DeKalb County's inventory, as well as an order from a company in Alabama.

Remediation contractors are working with affected businesses that suffered structural and property damage caused by water that escaped from the broken main.

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