

Brunswick County Media Release



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All water restrictions lifted for Brunswick County Public Utilities Customers

Bolivia, NC – All water restrictions have been lifted for Brunswick County Public Utilities customers, as repairs to a water main that broke in October are complete.

Customers of Brunswick County Public Utilities and of utility providers who purchase wholesale water from Brunswick County Public Utilities had been under water restrictions since Oct. 13, when a leak was discovered in a raw water main owned by the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority carrying water from the Kings Bluff Raw Water Pump Station to the County-owned Northwest Water Treatment Plant.

In the days after the leak was discovered, water continued to be pumped through the pipe to the Northwest Water Treatment Plant to help ensure the availability of water for human consumption, though a significant amount of water was lost through the leak.

Brunswick County Public Utilities customers responded to this information, and the mandatory water conservation measures that were implemented, reducing daily water consumption by nearly 25 percent. The efforts of Brunswick County Public Utilities customers to reduce water usage helped crews continue to meet the water demand during the water emergency, despite the significantly reduced amount of water flowing to the Northwest Water Treatment Plant.

After a temporary bypass around the leak was put in place in late October, Brunswick County moved to a voluntary Stage 1 water emergency, asking customers to continue to be mindful of water usage while the temporary bypass was in place.

Work to repair the permanent water pipe is now completed, and the temporary bypass is no longer need. Brunswick County Public Utilities customers are no longer under any level of water restrictions.

Thank you to Brunswick County Public Utilities customers for their patience and understanding throughout the repair process, and for their assistance in reducing water usage. These conservation efforts enabled our system to function and meet drinking water and other essential water needs throughout the water emergency and repair process.

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