

The Project is moving along! We are done with Grove (for now) and the new water main is in on Yerger. COP will flush and fill service lines tomorrow and work on Lehner's main line next week. From there they will proceed to North Montana. Due to heavy traffic to/from the veterinary this could be a hard road to complete. Time will tell!

While there are many benefits to new water mains, there are also disruptions that go hand in hand. Streets are torn up; postal service is interrupted and an array of other possible issues. One of the benefits, increased water pressure, is not without its drawbacks. With higher pressure, coupled with flushing of lines and earth movement, sand and sediment are loosened and may enter the water service. Once you have been told your temporary service is disconnected and you have been connected to the new water main, it is highly recommended that the first water turned on by an outside faucet or a work sink. Let the water run for 10-15 minutes. By doing this, any sand or grit will be flushed out before running through the dishwasher, ice maker or other appliance that may be adversely affected.

Below are two examples of why we have experienced a 70% plus water loss recently. A 1/4-inch whole (approximately the size of a pencil eraser), under pressure, will lose 400,000 gallons of water per month. Both holes exceeded that.