

May 22, 2020

Ocean Contractors Limited, on behalf of Halifax Water and Halifax Regional Municipality, will be upgrading infrastructure on Birchdale Avenue. Ocean Contractors Limited has subcontracted W. Eric Whebby Limited to complete the water main renewal for this project. This water main renewal is the portion that Halifax Water is responsible for.

The municipality will be undertaking various street improvements through Ocean Contractors Limited.

Water Service Shutdown for Temporary Water Connections

If your property is within the shaded area on the attached map, your property will be connected to temporary water.

The contractor will be connecting buildings in the project area to a temporary water system that brings water from fire hydrants in the surrounding area (that will not be impacted by this work) to each impacted property so that the water mains that normally provide those properties with water can be replaced without customers having to go without water service for the length of the project.

Water service must be temporarily turned off at each property as the contractor disconnects each property from the old water connection and onto the temporary water connection.

On Monday, June 1, the contractor will begin connecting the temporary water lines to the properties shown on the attached map. This work will take approximately two weeks to complete (weather permitting). The contractor will make the temporary water connections at an outdoor tap for each property (more information on the next page.) **Connections will take place between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM.** Once the connection is complete, the building should have regular water service for the length of the project.

These temporary water lines will be disconnected at the end of the project, and each property will be connected to the new water main.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this work may cause, and thank you for your cooperation.

Construction During COVID-19

From time to time, you will see workers within 2 metres of each other while they work to maintain the critical water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure serving your home. Every effort will be made to maintain the 2 metre distance amongst workers, however, some tasks cannot be completed safely otherwise. As an essential service, in these instances, Halifax Water and its contractors are exempt from the current 2-metre social/physical distancing rules. Halifax Water and its contractors will use additional PPE to protect themselves when undertaking these activities.

We ask that residents please ensure they give construction crews at least 2 metres of distancing as well.

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Temporary Water Connection Information

This letter contains the steps needed for residents to complete their temporary water connection, ensuring you have access to water during the construction in your area.

What does a temporary water connection look like?

A temporary water connection is generally a plastic or metal hose connected to your outdoor tap through a Y-splitter. **Water enters your home through this outdoor tap.** The Y-splitter makes it possible to connect your hose to the other half of the Y-splitter to use a garden hose. When using your garden hose, ensure that you only turn that hose off, not the main outdoor tap. **Turning the main outdoor tap off will turn the water off for your entire home.**



Temporary water connections during COVID-19:

To protect customers, contractors, and Halifax Water staff, during COVID-19, Halifax Water and our contractors are trying to limit unnecessary entry into homes. One of the final steps in completing a temporary water connection is turning off the water shut-off valve in the home. This is a very simple process, and is described below.

If you feel you are comfortable completing this step, Halifax Water staff or the project contractor will complete the outdoor portion of your connection and let you know when to complete the steps below.

If you are not comfortable or able to complete this step, please contact the contractor (contact information is on other side of this notice) and they will arrange to complete this step for you. **Please note:** Halifax Water requests that prior to employees/contractors entering a home, any residents inside the home wear a disposable mask or handkerchief over their mouths while Halifax Water staff are in the home undertaking their necessary work. Staff/contractors will wear additional PPE for entry. Please ensure that 2-metres/6-feet of distance is given.

How to complete your temporary water connection yourself:

With the temporary water connection bringing water into your home through your outdoor tap, the private water lateral (pipe) that normally brings water into your home from the street needs to be closed so that water coming in from the new temporary water connection doesn't drain out the private water lateral.

Your water shut-off valve is located where your private water lateral comes into your home, near your water meter, typically in your basement.

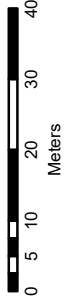


To do this, **turn your shut-off valve into the “Closed” or “Off” position.** Either the shut-off valve or the isolation valve, once closed, will prevent water from leaving your home. (If either valve is seized or malfunctioning, a plumber should be contacted to repair or replace the valve. These valves are the responsibility of the property owner.)

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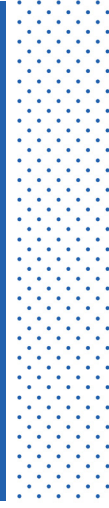
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PLYMOUTH RD

**CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE SHADED
AREA WILL NEED TO FOLLOW THE
INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SECOND
PAGE OF THIS NOTICE TO
COMPLETE THEIR TEMPORARY
WATER CONNECTION.**