



# Media Release

## Portland Water Bureau

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### Traffic Advisory: Road closed at SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and SW Arthur street

*Drivers advised to use detour for westbound travel toward SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue*

PORTLAND, OR – Portland Water Bureau crews will begin emergency restoration for a large main break at SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and SW Arthur Street this morning from 9am to 5pm. This work will require the closure of SW Arthur St. to westbound traffic at SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Drivers are advised to use the detour, which will direct traffic north on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and west on SW Harrison Street.

On December 22, 2024, Water Bureau crews responded to a main break in the area. The first team on-site worked to stop the flow of water, address flooding, and pinpoint the location of the break. Today's efforts will focus on replacing the damaged main.

**The City is advising drivers to please avoid the area.** Flaggers will be on scene later today to direct traffic, but we currently anticipate closing SW Arthur Street to all westbound traffic.

**No one is currently out of water** as a result of the main break. Nearby residents, mostly commercial customers, may notice changes in pressure or temporary discoloration in the water. This discoloration can be caused by a fine, organic sediment that is always present in our pipes that was temporarily stirred up by the main break.

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If impacted customers notice discolored water, consider using water from your emergency water supply or bottled water until sediments settle in a few hours. Here are more tips:

[What to do during a discolored water event | Portland.gov](#)

#### About the Portland Water Bureau

The Portland Water Bureau serves water to almost a million people in the Portland area. Portland's water system includes two great water sources, 54 tanks and reservoirs, and 2,250 miles of pipes. With 600 employees working on everything from water treatment to customer service, the Water Bureau is committed to serving excellent water every minute of every day.