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**BEVERLY HILLS RESIDENTS ASKED TO
REDUCE WATER USE DURING LEAK REPAIRS**
Metropolitan Water District beginning repairs on major water delivery line

Residents and businesses in Beverly Hills are being asked to cut back their water use – including eliminating all outdoor watering – as emergency repairs are made to a leak in a main water delivery pipeline serving the city.

Repairing the leak, detected in Metropolitan Water District’s Santa Monica Feeder over the weekend, requires the pipeline to be entirely shut down, leaving Beverly Hills temporarily without its primary source of water for at least a week.

“We need the help of our residents. We’re asking them to avoid watering their lawns and gardens, take shorter showers, avoid unnecessary loads of laundry and do whatever they can to keep their water use down,” said Beverly Hills Mayor Julian A. Gold. “We know it’s the holidays and it’s a sacrifice, but we also know our residents are willing to pitch in and help when needed.”

Gold also asked residents and visitors to avoid the location of the pipeline leak, near the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Alpine Drive, during repairs.

Crews worked throughout the day on Monday to locate the source of the leak. Metropolitan Water District will next finalize its repair plan.

The Santa Monica Feeder was completed in 1941 and stretches 24 miles from Eagle Rock to Santa Monica and serves treated water to the cities of Glendale, Burbank, Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica.

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Metropolitan is still determining the cause of the leak, said Jim Green, Metropolitan's water system operations manager. At the leak's site, the pipeline is made of cast iron and is 32 inches in diameter.

"We are working as quickly as we can to get this safely repaired so we can restore a reliable water supply to the people and businesses of Beverly Hills," Green said. "We appreciate their help in conserving as much as possible."

Residents can visit www.bewaterwise.com for water-saving tips. Periodic updates on the upgrade work also will be posted on www.mwdh2o.com.

Questions from the public may also be directed to the Beverly Hills Public Works Customer Service line at 310-285-2467 during business hours or email askPW@beverlyhills.org for more information.

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