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Water Line Maintenance Calls for Water Conservation

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie is asking residents and businesses to voluntarily conserve water while the City of Calgary performs scheduled maintenance work on their section of the large main waterline feeding into Airdrie November 15-17, 2011. While the work is being completed, water for the city of Airdrie will be provided by the smaller secondary line and from reservoirs.

“It is expected the work will be completed in one to three days depending on certain conditions which cannot be known until the work is started. At our current consumption we can reasonably handle up to a three day shutdown,” says Glenn Archer, Team Leader of Water Services for the City of Airdrie. “However, residents are still being asked to conserve water where they can to help keep our reservoirs full,” adds Archer. “Residents are assured the water supply will remain clean and safe to drink,” adds Archer.

A few simple ways residents can conserve water are

- only run the dishwasher when full
- consider a shower instead of a bath
- put off any unnecessary laundry until after November 17 and ensure the water level in the washing machine is appropriate for the load size
- put a jug of water in the fridge for cold drinking water, rather than running the tap
- turn off the tap when brushing your teeth

The City of Airdrie is doing their part to prepare by ensuring all fire apparatus are filled prior to the shut off, holding off on flooding rinks, and putting off any City maintenance projects that require water.

If an unexpected emergency such as a major fire or water main rupture within the City happened during this timeframe, more severe mandatory reductions may be necessary.

All of Airdrie’s water comes from the City of Calgary through two pipes operated and maintained by the City of Calgary. 70 per cent is delivered through a 900mm water main pipe and the remaining through a 350 mm main. The smaller pipe alone is not capable of meeting the City’s daily consumption, so the shortfall must be addressed using water from of our reservoirs.

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