



Press Release

## **As of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11 p.m. – Maintenance Work on Sainte-Catherine’s Water Main 48 h Outdoor Watering Ban for Candiatic, Delson, Saint-Constant and Sainte-Catherine**

**Sainte-Catherine, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Major high priority maintenance work on Sainte-Catherine’s water main will take place as of Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11 p.m. The replacement of a valve that connects the local water main to the intermunicipal system on Route 132 will require a reduction in water pressure and flow for the entire network, therefore affecting the cities of Candiatic, Delson, Saint-Constant and Sainte-Catherine.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the reduction in water pressure may be significant and may vary during the day, depending on the area that is being repaired. Special measures will be effective during this time in order to ensure the network’s hydraulic capacity as well as an uninterrupted water supply to all citizens.

This announcement is published in advance, mainly to allow citizens of Saint-Constant and Sainte-Catherine to plan ahead and prepare an adequate supply of drinking water at their homes in case water pressure is insufficient during the maintenance work. In addition, a boil-water advisory will be in place for these two cities.

All four cities count on their citizens’ understanding and compliance with the special measures in place. Citizens will namely be required to use water sparingly during the repairs.

### **Special Measures**

#### **Outdoor watering ban and reduction of water use**

##### **Candiatic, Delson, Sainte-Catherine, Saint-Constant**

From August 22<sup>nd</sup> 11 p.m. to August 24<sup>th</sup> 11 p.m.

- It is prohibited to use all types of watering systems (manual, automatic, electronic or underground) to :
  - Water lawns
  - Water plant beds
  - Fill pools
  - Clean cars or buildings
  - Clean driveways or paved surfaces
- Exceptions :
  - It is allowed to water vegetable and herb gardens with a watering can.
  - Citizens who already have a watering permit from the City because of the installation of new seed or sod are allowed to water their new lawn in the evening, from 8 p.m. to midnight. **No new permits will be issued during the watering ban.**
- Citizens are invited to help promote awareness of these special measures in their neighbourhood. **Agents will also be patrolling the area in order to make sure the measures are respected.**
- **Postpone or limit** any non-essential use of water consuming appliances (ex: washing machine, dishwasher, etc.).

## **Preventive boil-water advisory Sainte-Catherine and Saint-Constant**

Starting August 22<sup>nd</sup> 11 p.m., until further notice

As a preventive measure, all residents of **Sainte-Catherine and Saint-Constant** must boil the tap water for at least one minute before consuming it, as of the beginning of maintenance work and for an estimated period of 4 to 5 days, if no unforeseeable circumstances arise.

This boil-water advisory is required because of water pressure will drop under minimum thresholds in both cities' water mains. The notice will remain effective after maintenance work is completed and until two laboratory tests confirm the tap water is safe to use.

### **What to do**

Water that has been boiled beforehand, for one full minute, or bottled water, must be used for the following purposes, until further notice:

- For drinking or preparing beverages
- For preparing baby food and babies' bottles (when nursing babies)
- For washing and preparing food to be eaten raw (fruit, vegetables, etc.)
- For preparing food that doesn't require long cooking (canned soup, dessert, etc.)
- For making ice cubes
- For brushing your teeth or rinsing your mouth

You may use unboiled tap water for the following activities:

- Washing dishes in hot water, making sure that you dry them well.
- Washing clothing.
- Taking a shower or a bath (make sure that young children don't swallow any water during their bath, or wash them with a washcloth instead.)

Schools, companies, commercial establishments and institutions served by the water supply system:

- Shut off all water fountains.
- Notify your clientele that the water isn't safe for drinking or any other consumption, and post this information at locations where water is still available.

Because of the boil-water advisory, water games and water fountains in both cities' parks will be temporarily closed.

### **Stay informed**

To follow the situation's evolution, citizens can visit their City's website, social network pages and emergency notification portals. Information will also be communicated on street signs. Citizens may also call their respective city for any further questions in respect to the special measures.

Candiac: 450-444-6000

Saint-Constant: 450-638-2010

Delson: 450 632-1050

Sainte-Catherine: 450-632-0590

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.