



# Essential-Water-Use-Only Request

Impacting Portions of Southern Prince George's County

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# Agenda

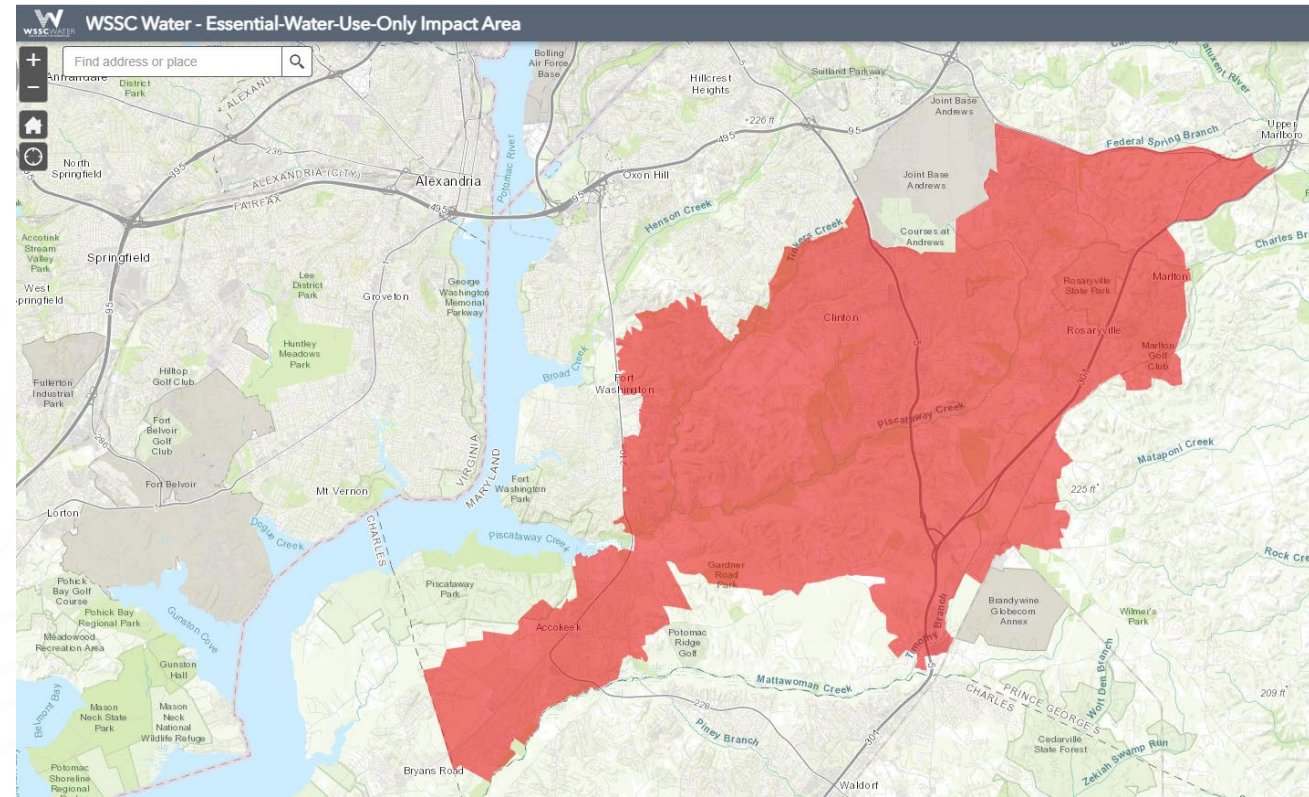
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# Situation Overview

- WSSC Water will issue an essential-water-use-only request for southern Prince George's County residents on **Wednesday, September 4, at 8 p.m.**
- Water conservation will continue until crews proactively replace a failing section of 36-inch-diameter prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) water transmission main.
- Work is expected to take three days to complete.
  - The essential-water-use-only request will be lifted when the water distribution system returns to normal – ensuring fire protection and water supply for customers.
  - Weather and other construction-related factors may impact this work schedule.

# Who is Impacted?

- Essential-Water-Use-Only Request impacts 40,000 customers
  - Approx. 110,000 residents
- Clinton, Rosaryville, Marlton, Brandywine, Accokeek and portions of Ft. Washington
- Interactive map
  - [www.wsscwater.com/essential-use](http://www.wsscwater.com/essential-use)



# How Can You Help?

- Given that many residents are returning from the holiday break, WSSC Water recommends customers in the impacted area do laundry and dishes before the essential-water-use-only request goes into effect on Wednesday, September 4, at 8 p.m.

## **Beginning Wednesday, September 4, at 8 p.m.**

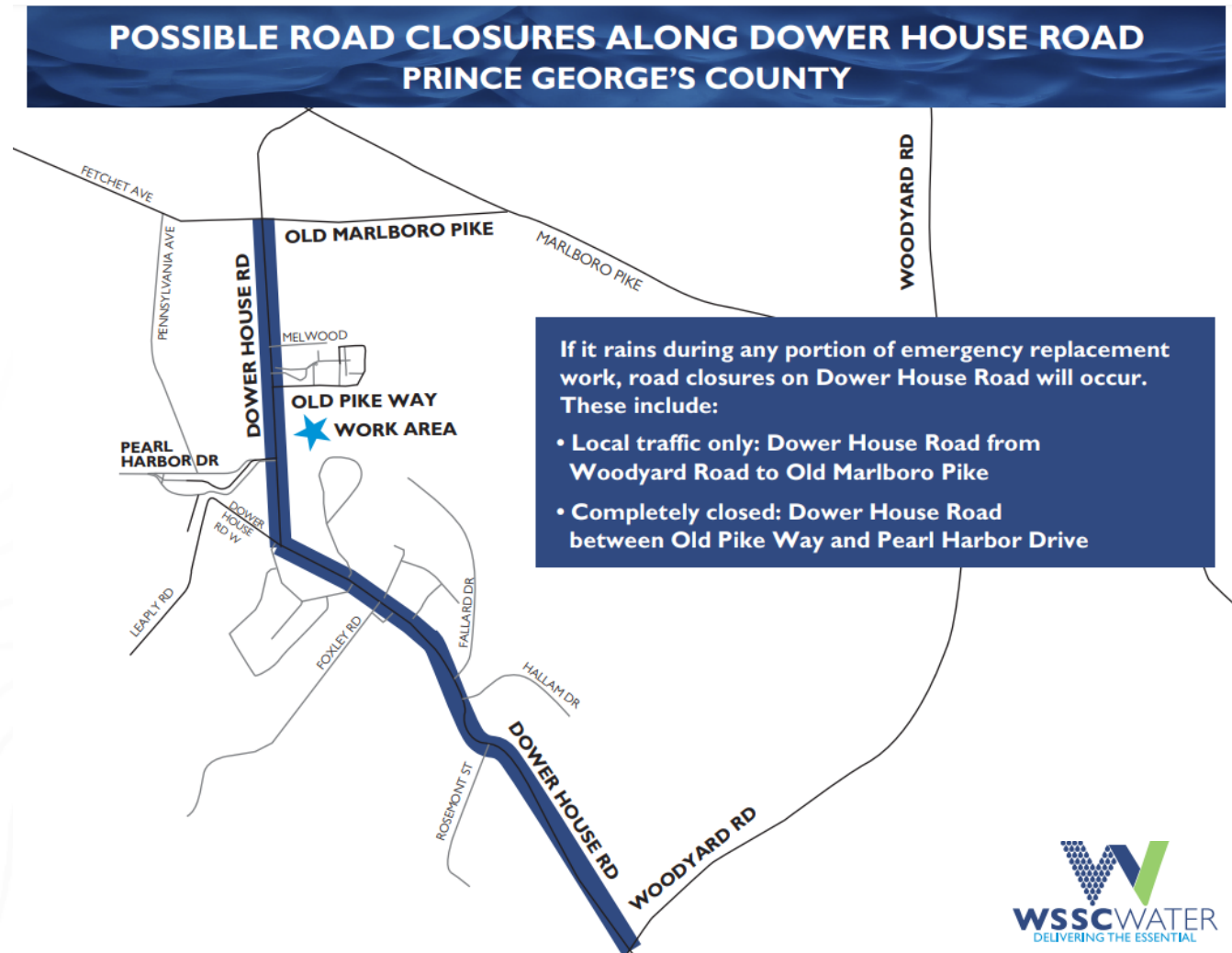
- Stop all outside water use
  - No watering lawns
  - No washing cars
  - No topping off swimming pools.
- Take shorter showers
- Quickly turn off faucets immediately after use
- Limit flushing toilets (do not flush after every use)
- Limit using washing machines and dishwashers to full loads only
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, shaving, etc.

# Next Steps

- Crews will start work to replace the section of main early Thursday morning (9/5) and continue around the clock.
- Work is expected to take three days to complete. The essential-water-use-only request will be lifted when the water distribution system returns to normal – ensuring fire protection and water supply for customers.
- Weather and other construction-related factors may impact this work schedule.

# Work Zone Safety

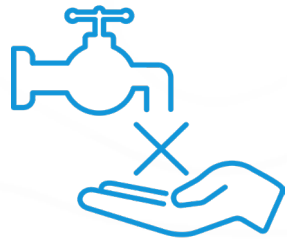
- If it rains during any portion of emergency replacement work, WSSC Water will close portions of Dower House Road from Woodyard Road to Old Marlboro Pike to local traffic only.
- Dower House Road will be completely closed to all traffic between Old Pike Way and Pearl Harbor Drive – only if it rains.



# What are the Risks?



Combination of high-use and delayed replacement could result in a Boil Water Advisory (BWA) for portions/all of the impacted area extending into the weekend.



No water for portions/all of the area while the replacement is completed.



If no water, WSSC Water would issue a BWA and sample water from across the area to ensure it is safe for consumption.

Once water safety has been confirmed, WSSC Water will lift the BWA and notify customers that the advisory has been lifted.



# Stay Informed

- Website
  - [wsscwater.com](http://wsscwater.com)
  - [wsscwater.com/essential-use](http://wsscwater.com/essential-use)
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# Questions?