

TOWN OF IPSWICH UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



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IMPORTANT NOTICE WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES HIGH STREET

The Ipswich Water Department is continuing to make important improvements to the water system. Browns Well, located at 165 High Street, has been taken off-line due to elevated levels of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). Although the PFAS levels in the well remain below the MassDEP maximum contaminant level, the Town is taking action to treat the source and restore it to full operation.

This project involves installation of a new 8-inch HPDE water main between Browns Well and the Water Treatment Plant located at 274 High Street. The new pipe will be installed inside the old 12-inch cast iron water main that was recently replaced, minimizing roadway disruptions. This pipe is a transmission main between the well and the treatment plant and will not be connected to the water main serving your property, therefore no water service impacts are anticipated.

- Where:** High Street (between 165 and 274 High Street)
- When:** Work beginning week of December 13, 2021, with a duration of approximately three months
- Approx. Working Hours:** 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Mon. – Fri.
- Type of Work:** Installation of erosion control measures, excavation within roadway, cleaning of old 12-inch main, installation of new 8-inch water main inside 12-inch main, backfilling, water main testing and flushing, and paving.
- Project Engineer:** New England Civil Engineering Corp.
- Primary Contractor:** N. Granese & Sons
- Traffic Considerations:** No closure of High Street is anticipated. Travel will often be restricted to 1 lane. Police detail officers will direct traffic as needed.
- Water Service Interruptions:** None expected.
- Other Potential Impacts:** Increased noise from construction equipment.
- Project Contacts:** For immediate issues during construction hours:
On-site Resident Engineer, Ben Theriault 978-239-8696
- All other matters: Water Engineer, Emily Sadoway 978-356-6635

The Water Department would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we make these critical improvements to the Ipswich water system. For more information on PFAS, please check out our website at <https://www.ipswichma.gov/913/PFAS>.