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City of Townsend

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City Advises Residents of Potential Plumbing Impacts from Increased Water Pressure

City of Townsend – The City is notifying residents that they can expect increases in city water pressure as the new water tower comes online and is tested, disinfected, and ultimately placed into service. The testing and disinfecting process is anticipated to occur in June 2026, with final tank operation expected in July/August 2026. While the new tower is intended to improve water delivery and service reliability, it may have unintended effects on household plumbing systems.

Water pressure is expected to increase from 50-55 psi to 71-77 psi. The increase in pressures may place strain on pipes, fixtures, and appliances, potentially leading to leaks or service pipe bursts. Residents are encouraged to take the following precautions:

- **Check your water pressure** using a pressure gauge available at most hardware stores.
- **Install or inspect a pressure-reducing valve (PRV)** to maintain safe household pressure levels.
- **Monitor for leaks** in service piping and around faucets, toilets, and appliances.
- **Schedule a plumbing inspection** if you notice unusual noises, water hammer, leaks, or sudden changes in flow.

For questions or assistance, please contact the City at (406) 266-3911 or email at cityoftownsend@townsendmontana.net.

Vickie Rauser, Mayor

social media news release

Public Notice: Expected Increase in City Water Pressure

The City of Townsend is advising residents that **water pressure levels are expected to increase beginning in June 2026 as the new water tower is tested, disinfected, and ultimately placed into service in July/August 2026.**

What This Means for You:

- Higher water pressure may **affect older plumbing systems**, potentially causing leaks or pipe stress.
- Residents are encouraged to check their plumbing and consider installing a pressure-reducing valve prior to June 2026.
- After the tower is in service, **check for drips, unusual noises, or changes in water flow.**
- If you notice any issues, contact a licensed plumber promptly.

Why This Is Happening:

The water system project is necessary to increase storage capacity, improve water delivery efficiency, and ensure long-term reliability for all households and businesses.

Need Assistance?

For questions or to report urgent water-related concerns, please call **(406) 266-3911**.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our water system strong and dependable. 

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