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To: Residents and businesses of Forest Street

Re: Canal Street Drainage, Water and Sewer Improvements, Contract O-38  
**Notice of planned water system shutdown**

Dear Residents and Businesses:

Due to construction activities associated with the above referenced project, the City of Salem's contractor, DeFelice Corporation, will need to **shut down your water service on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions about the water shutdown or need assistance during this time, please contact John Bobrek, Chief Resident Engineer for Woodard and Curran, Inc. at 978.557.8150.

**WHAT TO EXPECT FOLLOWING A WATER SERVICE SHUTDOWN**

When there is a water shutdown, the sediment that naturally occurs in the water piping system is disturbed. This disturbance will cause the water from your faucets and toilets to appear rust colored. You will notice this discoloration when the water service resumes. You may wish to store tap water in your refrigerators on the day of the work or drink bottled water. Running your tap should clear the water of rust discoloration.

It is also suggested that you check your water before doing laundry because the discolored water may stain your clothes.

We apologize for this inconvenience, and will work as quickly as possible to get the water turned back on to your property. We also thank you in advance for your patience and forbearance as we complete this important project. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please call the Engineering Department at 978.619.5673. For more information on the overall project in general, please visit the City's Engineering Dept. website at: [http://www.salem.com/Pages/SalemMA\\_Engineer/index](http://www.salem.com/Pages/SalemMA_Engineer/index).

Very truly yours,

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