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LAS VEGAS, NM —

A water leak believed to be the cause of outages and low water pressure in Las Vegas has been successfully located after significant excavation this afternoon. Utility officials are now working to fix the leak. Repairs will take place over the next couple of days.

A spokesperson with the City of Las Vegas says the water leak finally became visible above ground on Saturday. Any residence or business experiencing low water pressure or complete water outages are asked to turn off their water heaters or boilers as soon as possible.

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Low water pressure and water outages may continue to occur as the repairs are being made. Residents with access to running water are asked to conserve as much water as possible.

With the ongoing adjustments to pressure and flow, the City of Las Vegas advises residents to proceed with switching their water heaters and boilers back to normal operation. However, residents may continue to see increased sediment and discoloration in the water, which is expected. Once normal operations are restored, it is recommended that you flush your water heater and boiler according to the manufacturer's instructions to help remove any sediment buildup or contact a certified service provider for assistance.

Some residents have also reported hearing thudding sounds from toilets, which is caused by increased water pressure going through the lines and is common during situations like this. This will likely continue until the process is complete.

A precautionary boil advisory has been in place since Friday afternoon as a preventive safety measure and is not a state-mandated status but is recommended.

Water delivery to homes currently experiencing complete outages will continue tomorrow throughout the day.