Niagara Falls Water Board Initiates Inclement Weather and Emergency Procedure Preparedness as Winter Season Arrives

Niagara Falls, NY – As temperatures fall and winter commences, the Niagara Falls Water Board (NFWB) has begun to implement various winter planning and emergency preparedness procedures throughout the organization's system footprint in the City of Niagara Falls.

Such efforts include removing key items from storage and getting critical equipment ready for winter response action. The NFWB recently prepared plows, a salter, and updated snow tires on service vehicles. Additionally, the board has begun installing hydrant flags on fire hydrants, which enable service crews and the fire department to identify hydrants that may have been buried in snow. The NFWB team has also changed out furnace filters and inspect vent pipes to ensure there are no obstructions. Outside crews are also prepared with necessary winter apparel and gear to protect against extreme temperatures, especially during extended periods of exposure to the cold.

"Being properly prepared is essential for the work we do. There are many crucial precautions to consider, which is why we do our best to ensure a safe winter season," said Rolfe Porter, executive director, Niagara Falls Water Board. "We recommend customers do their part, too. You should always have a three-day supply of food and water on hand during the winter months in the event of an emergency or bad snowstorm."

The NFWB has a supervisor on call at all times that allows for emergency response outside of regular business hours. During snow events, the operations team will be notified of any water main breaks, missing manhole covers, or any other sewer issues, and act accordingly to contact the supervisor after hours.

For more information on NFWB, please visit: www.nfwb.org. The NFWB will also provide emergency updates as applicable throughout the winter.

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