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### **City of Prior Lake Working to Alleviate Brown Water Occurrences in East-Central Prior Lake**

As residents in east-central Prior Lake are aware, the city is experiencing brown water in homes and businesses in that area. The water is safe; however, the city suggests that water users minimize usage, if at all possible.

City staff is strategically flushing and re-flushing hydrants in affected areas to alleviate the problem and will continue flushing as required, while monitoring water conditions throughout the City.

In the long-term, the City of Prior Lake Water Treatment Facility – which will be operational in early 2009 – will remove the iron and manganese responsible for brown water. It is expected the vast majority of brown water problems in the city will be minimized and substantially diminished over time as built-up iron and manganese is flushed from the underground water distribution system.

To combat brown water in your home:

- Use as little water as possible
- Run the cold spigot at the utility tub to clear water
- Go to [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com) for additional information

For information, or to report a water coloration concern, call Street and Utility Supervisor Craig Eldred at (952) 447-9891.