



City of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139, [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov)

DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS, Tel: 305.673.7575  
Tonya Daniels, E-mail: [tonyadaniels@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:tonyadaniels@miamibeachfl.gov)  
Melissa Berthier, E-mail: [melissaberthier@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:melissaberthier@miamibeachfl.gov)

## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 5, 2020

### **Wastewater Breaks Result in No Contact with Water Advisory** *— Along the Western Waterways and Bay in Miami Beach —*

**Miami Beach, FL** – The City of Miami Beach has issued a precautionary advisory to avoid recreational water activities along the western portion of Miami Beach’s waterways. In addition, the city is now asking residents and businesses citywide, along with the Town of Surfside and Bal Harbour Village, to heed a voluntary water reduction for the next 24 hours in order to reduce the amount of water that is entering the wastewater system as a result of the recent force main breaks.

On Monday evening, Jaffer Well Drilling contractors hit a 42-inch wastewater force main on Michigan Avenue, just north of Lincoln Road. The break has been causing increased flows throughout the remainder of the system, and this morning there was a 30-inch wastewater force main rupture at 28 Street and Pine Tree Drive.

An additional smaller break has occurred on 72 Street and Harding Avenue. Passersby should exercise caution along the streets and sidewalks in the vicinity of this area, along with 28 Street and Pine Tree Drive.

Advisories will be posted at public waterway access locations, and the city is working closely with all governmental regulatory agencies to ensure extensive measures are being taking to protect public health and the environment.

Public beaches along the Atlantic Coast have not been impacted. Once again, the water is safe to drink, but the city is asking the community to please limit water use to reduce wastewater flow.

Please [click here](#) to read this morning’s press release.

###

To request this material in alternate format, sign language interpreter (five-day notice required), information on access for persons with disabilities, and/or any accommodation to review any document or participate in any city-sponsored proceedings, call 305.604.2489 and select 1 for English or 2 for Spanish, then option 6; TTY users may call via 711 (Florida Relay Service)