

# Water Main Break Shutters Manassas Businesses

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MANASSAS, Va. - A major water main break in Manassas shuttered more than 100 businesses Tuesday as crews raced to make repairs.

The two-inch leak was reported about 7 a.m. along Sudley Road just north of Interstate 66, between Vandor Lane and Battleview Parkway. Crews repaired it around 3 p.m.

Business owners hung signs, informing customers they couldn't operate.

Some customers tried multiple locations, hoping to find something that was open.

"We drove over to Wendy's first and then they had a sign that said they were closed because of the water main break," said Andre Taylor.



The break closed the Northern Virginia Community College Manassas campus. Private offices, motels and restaurants at this busy junction off Interstate 66 and Sudley

Road in Manassas suddenly went dry. Dozens of businesses that rely on water were shut down for the day, including one ice cream parlor owner who bought bottled water to wash utensils, hoping to keep from losing a day's worth of business.

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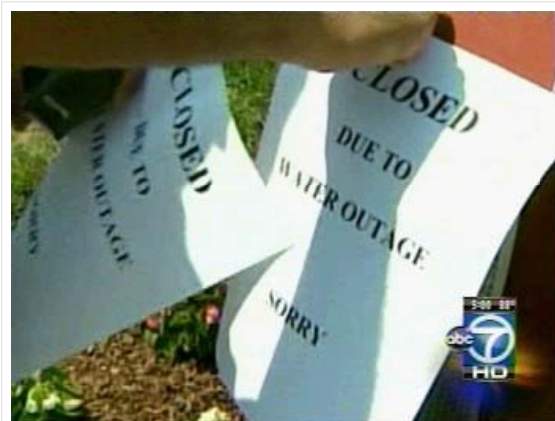
"We wash the scoops and the glasses with bottled water," Said Anwari said.

He even sold a lot of bottled water, he said.

Sid and Mary Mason of Alexandria ([web | news](#)) drove to Manassas to eat at their favorite steakhouse, only to be turned away. It was unfortunate, Sid said, "especially in this day and age of [uncertain] economic times."

Prince William Service Authority says it is experience more corrosion as pipes and infrastructure ages. It also warned area customers they would experience low water pressure throughout the evening.

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