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**PRESS RELEASE**

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City of Anacortes Water Supply

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

ANACORTES, WA – The City of Anacortes is asking all residents and customers in its regional water utility to begin measures to conserve water. A national chlorine shortage has interfered with the City's ability to procure sodium hypochlorite, the main chemical compound used to disinfect the water produced at the City's water treatment facility located at River Bend Road in Mount Vernon. Customers include residents of Anacortes, Oak Harbor, La Conner, the Naval Air Station at Whidbey Island, and the Marathon and Shell oil refineries.

The City is working diligently to find alternative sources of sodium hypochlorite, but customers should prepare for the possibility that the City will have to implement severe conservation measures if sources are not identified quickly. Please see the City [website](#) for things you can do to reduce water use.

The City is closely monitoring the situation and will provide updates on the City website at [www.cityofanacortes.org](http://www.cityofanacortes.org) and on social media. If you have any questions, please refer them to Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer at 360-299-1954.