



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

March 27, 2018

### **Taking water tower number 1 and well number 1 offline and flushing system**

Due to recent information received from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) concerning the perfluorochemical (PFC) levels in the City's well number 1, the City of Lake Elmo will be taking well number 1 and water tower number 1 offline. In order to compensate for the loss of the tower and well, the City will increase the pressure from well numbers 2 and 4. This process will help to ensure that there will be no loss of water, and emergency services will not be impacted.

In addition to the PFC concern, there have also been issues raised from some residents regarding brown water in their homes. In order to address the brown water issue, City staff has been sporadically flushing hydrants throughout the City. Taking water tower number 1 and well number 1 offline will present an opportunity to flush the system with a higher water pressure to help remedy this issue. The flushing will take place starting at 8:00 AM on Wednesday March 28, 2018 and should be completed by noon. Residents should run their water in the afternoon on the 28th using cold water for approximately ten minutes until the water clears. Flushing the water mains will be an on-going practice. If you continue to see brown water, please contact public works at 651-747-3940. Residents may also see slightly increased water pressure, but this should not be cause for concern.