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Hot Water Disruption at DeKalb County Jail Following Burst Pipe

DECATUR, GA – (April 10, 2026) – At approximately 9:00 p.m., a pipe burst at the DeKalb County Jail, causing damage to the facility's hot water boiler operations. As a result, the boiler system is temporarily inoperable.

The hot water interruption primarily impacts the general population housing units, where most detained individuals are housed. These areas will be without hot water until repairs are completed. Cold water remains available throughout the facility.

Repairs are scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2026, and are expected to be completed by the end of the workday, at which time all systems should return to normal operation.

Meal service and medical care are not impacted as the inmate kitchen and medical unit operate on an independent water heating system.

"The reality is we are operating an aging facility that requires ongoing attention and investment," said Sheriff Melody Maddox. "Situations like this are unfortunate. Our immediate focus is making sure everyone in the facility is safe while getting the repairs made as quickly as possible."

Jail officials will continue to monitor conditions closely. An update will be provided when systems have been fully restored.

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