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## **MEMA Provides Aid to Tunica Co. for Water Shortage**

**Pearl** – MEMA has provided three pallets of bottled water to Tunica County after officials reported a severe water shortage Saturday night due to the frigid temperatures.

Tunica County Emergency Management reported the water shortage to the State Emergency Operations Center Saturday and says it is due to too many residents leaving water running to avoid freezing pipes.

Nearly 2,500 residents, mostly within the City of Tunica are affected by the shortage.

The water was delivered to the Tunica County Multi-Purpose complex this afternoon by MEMA personnel from the MEMA warehouse in Pearl. The three pallets contain almost 5,200 bottles of water.

Tunica County EMA says the water system is beginning to recover but they urge residents to only let the faucets drip and not run in order to save water. The National Weather Service Forecast office in Memphis says high temperatures will be above freezing beginning Monday, but lows will remain below 32 degrees for the next several days.

MEMA will continue to provide updated information as necessary.

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