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SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING TO BEGIN TOWARDS THE END OF APRIL THROUGH THE BEGINNING OF MAY

Why is flushing our water mains important?

Over time, sediment and deposits, including rust and mineral particles, can accumulate naturally at the bottom of the water main. A build up of bacteria known as “biofilm” can also coat the pipe’s inner surface. The combination of sediment can restrict water flow in the pipes and contribute to pipe corrosion. Periodically flushing water mains removes sediment and biofilm buildup, as well as maintaining our water infrastructure and assuring consistent high quality drinking water.

While conducting flushing operations, you may experience discolored water or a small drop in water pressure. Should your water appear reddish, yellow or brown, do not be alarmed. It is recommended you do not use the water or do laundry for two hours after noticing this discoloration. After you have waited, run your cold-water tap (without the aerator screen if possible) for five to ten minutes. This should remove any sediment from inside your service. If you continue to see discolored water, we ask you to call the office at 207.737.4721.

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