



HYDRANT FLUSHING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is Hydrant Flushing Necessary?

Hydrant flushing enhances water quality by flushing sediment from the mainline pipes, verifies the proper operation of hydrants and valves, and maintains firefighting capability.

What Should I Do while They are Flushing Hydrants?

If you see a hydrant being flushed on your street, avoid running water and using the washing machine or the dishwasher until the flushing is complete. Sediment will be stirred up during the process causing particles to be more present.

Why Does is My Water Discolored After Flushing?

When a hydrant is opened it stirs up iron and other minerals in the main water lines, which causes discoloration and fine sediment particles to appear. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water. Allow a few hours for the discoloration to dissipate. To verify water is clear, run cold-water through a tap in your home for a few minutes.

Do's and Don'ts After Flushing

DO shut the water off and wait several minutes if you encounter discolored water.

DO run cold water for a few minutes to allow new water to work it's way into your pipes. If still discolored wait several minutes before trying again.

DON'T wash laundry or run your dishwasher until the water runs clear.

DON'T check water quality with hot water.

