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Beginning overnight May 1st, Public Works will begin fire hydrant flushing in the Village. The first area that is scheduled to be completed is the area north of Lawrence Avenue from East River Road to Overhill Avenue. The flushing is completed overnight to minimize any inconvenience.

Why are hydrants flushed? Hydrant flushing is necessary to test that it is in good working order, and make note of any repairs that need to be made. Flushing is also done to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the distribution pipes. Your water service should not be disrupted during the flushing process. Customers may experience fluctuating pressure and some discoloration of their water.

Is my water safe to drink after flushing? Your water is safe to drink. Occasionally, water becomes discolored after hydrant flushing. If this happens, run your cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clears. If it doesn't clear the first time, wait a few minutes and run the water again. You should avoid washing clothes until the water clears.

How can I find out if hydrants will be flushed in my area? A Blackboard Connect Call will be sent to those residents impacted by the flushing. In addition, signs will be posted throughout the areas where flushing will be occurring in advance of the work.

Information regarding hydrant flushing can be obtained by calling 708-453-0800. Rusty Water. As described in the previous section, fire hydrants are periodically opened to flush water mains in the system. Additionally, Fire and Public Works Department personnel routinely use hydrants to make assessments as to whether adequate pressure and flow are available to satisfy normal system demands as well as the increased demand required in the event of a fire. These actions, as well as some construction activities, may result in brief periods during which you may observe moderate discoloration in your tap water.

The Following Should Help Minimize Problems:

- Watch for signs placed a few days before flushing occurs in your area.





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- If water discoloration is noticed, stop all water use and wait, several hours may be required to rid the cloudiness from the water mains that serve your home or business.
 - Turn on outside spigots, cold water bathtub faucets, flush toilets, and run a cycle through the washing machine to clear the water in your service line.
 - Be certain discolored water is out of your water service line before using large amounts of water or doing laundry.
 - Do not wash clothes or run a dishwasher during or immediately after flushing takes place. Washing clothes with discolored water can cause laundry stains.
 - Discolored water poses no threat to your health. You may wish to avoid drinking or cooking with the water.
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