

Water Main Flushing Scheduled for February 23-27



The field crew has scheduled the annual flushing of the water distribution system for February 23 through February 27. Annual flushing is a normal and required maintenance activity necessary to remove sedimentation and deposits in the water mains.

Flushing the pipes (primarily through fire hydrants) stirs up sediment and loosens some mineral deposits in the pipes. Normally, this process will not affect most customers; however, in some cases some temporary discoloration of water and some sediment transport can be observed by customers.

There are no health risks associated with the discoloration or sediment, which may last for a day or two. Don't be alarmed if you see these effects and please refrain from washing clothes during this time.

Why are we flushing?

Flushing the fire hydrants helps to remove any sediment from the water mains and assures consistent, good quality water.

Isn't flushing a waste of water?

No. Flushing is important to maintain good water quality. The amount of water used during flushing is worth the benefits gained.

How will this affect customers and their water service?

You may experience temporary low water pressure when flushing is being performed near your home and the flushing process may temporarily discolor your water.

What should I do if my water is discolored?

The flushing process is designed to remove any iron sediment in the water main and may temporarily discolor your water. If this discoloration occurs, run your cold water faucets for about five minutes to make sure the water is clear. If it doesn't clear up after a few minutes, wait for an extended period of time (about two hours) and try running the cold faucets for five minutes again. If the water still has not cleared up by the next day, please notify VVCS D by calling 733-2475. To avoid staining your clothing, it is recommended that you do not do laundry while your neighborhood is being flushed or while your water is discolored.



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