

Water Hydrant Flushing Notice

At approximately 8:00 AM on Tuesday May 13th, and continuing through Thursday May 15th, M. E. Simpson will be performing water system flow testing (flushing) and maintenance. We have been trying to get on their schedule since December of 2024. We were notified of their intention to service dates on Thursday, May 8th.

Fire hydrants are flushed to maintain water quality, ensure proper operation, and remove sediment buildup within the water system. Flushing helps prevent issues like rust or discoloration, and it confirms that hydrants and valves are functioning correctly in case of emergencies. Additionally, Dayton's fire contract requires annual hydrant flow testing and hydrant maintenance.

This years annual maintenance will see all of the Town's water hydrants flushed and flow tested. M.E. Simpson will be starting on the west side of town, progressing east and finish in Baker Farms. Unfortunately, exact timing and locations will be dependent upon their progress and any issues they may run into. Testing is expected to begin daily at 8:00 AM and should conclude by 5:00 PM. Here are some things to know about water hydrant flushing:

- ◆ During flushing, you may experience discolored water, reduced water pressure, and flow. This is normal and safe, and the water should return to normal by the end of the day.
- ◆ Water discoloration results from temporary disturbances of normal water flow within our piping network. These short-term changes in flow can stir up naturally occurring minerals and sediment that settle within the water mains. The objective of the water main/hydrant flushing program is to remove these accumulated sediments from our pipes by flushing the water out of the fire hydrants.
- ◆ You can collect water in containers before flushing for drinking and cooking. You should also finish laundry and dishes before flushing starts, as water used during flushing may discolor your clothing and household items.

We realize that hydrant flushing may cause residents some inconvenience. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.