



Hydrant Flushing 2016

May 2, 2016 – May 23, 2016

Each year Chatham Utilities Division flushes the water mains in the distribution system by opening hydrants. This is an essential part of our systems maintenance program, which helps us to continue to provide you with high quality water service.

We flush our mains because it helps to clean out any buildup of mineral deposits and sediment inside the pipes. These harmless deposits can occur when water demands are reduced during winter months. As part of the process, flushing also allows us to use the hydrants to make sure they are operational.

How are water mains flushed?

Flushing involves systematically opening hydrants in specific areas to create increased water flows. When our crews are in your area, you may notice a drop in water pressure and or discolored water.

What should I do if I experience discolored water in my home or business?

Discolored water may occur, because the sediment in water mains gets stirred up when the fire hydrants are used and when the flow of water in the mains is changed. This is fairly normal during flushing. If this happens, it is not harmful. Simply let your water run until it is clear.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Department of Public Works.

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