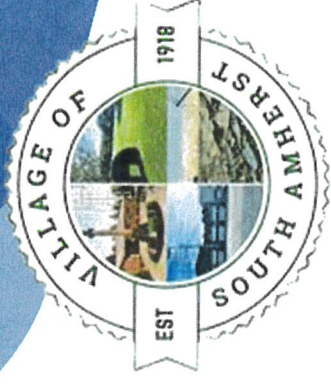
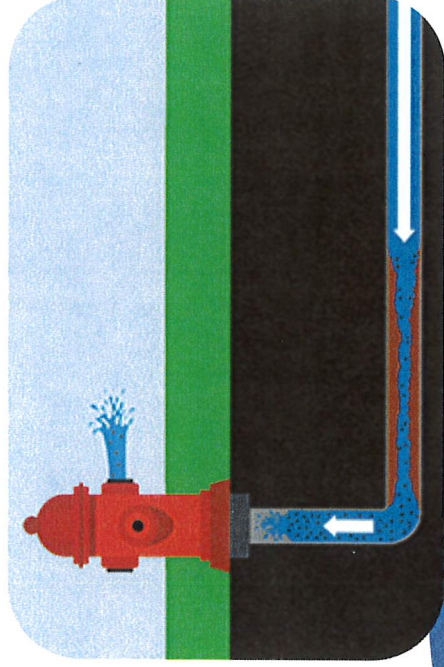


Fire Hydrant Flushing

Throughout the years, you have probably noticed fire hydrants being flushed and releasing large amounts of water into the streets. While it may appear that hundreds of gallons are going to waste, there are actually several benefits to this hydrant flushing process. Water main flushing is an important preventative maintenance for the Village. Fire hydrants are flushed twice a year to maintain water quality by removing sediment, minerals, and stagnant water from the distribution system, and to ensure the hydrants themselves function properly for emergency use. This process involves a controlled release of water that scours the pipes and helps prevent issues like discoloration or odors.



Why flushing is important

- **Cleans water mains:** Flushing clears out sediment, iron, and other mineral deposits that build up over time in the water mains.
- **Improves water quality:** By moving water through the system, flushing removes old, stagnant water and helps maintain proper chlorine levels, which are crucial for killing bacteria.
- **Tests hydrant functionality:** The flushing process is a chance for water department crews to open and close each hydrant, checking its condition, water pressure, and overall operational status.
- **Maintains system health:** Flushing helps prevent discoloration and ensures an adequate water flow is available for both firefighting and resident use



Is the water dangerous?

- The water is safe to drink: The reddish or tea-colored water that may appear during flushing is a result of stirred-up minerals and is not dangerous.
- Potential for staining: The discolored water may stain laundry, so it's best to avoid doing laundry or dishes until the water runs clear again.

How to stay in the know?

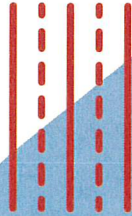
- Make sure you are signed up for CodeRED!
 - ✓ To sign up with CodeRED
 - ✓ Notification of regular flushing will be sent out 48 hrs. ahead of time.



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How to prepare:

- Draw water for cooking ahead of time
- Store a large bottle or pitches of water in the refrigerator for drinking
- Check for discolored water before using the washing machine or dishwasher.



What to expect

- **Discolored water:** You may notice discolored water after flushing in your area. It is recommended to avoid using water or wash light-colored clothes until you see the water runs clear from your faucets.
- **Running cold water:** If you experience discolored water at your tap, running your cold water for a few minutes will clear it up.
- **Seasonal schedule:** Flushing is performed seasonally, in the spring and fall, which helps to address the specific needs of each season. You may see an additional flush per year at dead-end hydrants to remove stagnant water.

What to do if your water is discolored

- Run cold water from your taps (bathtub faucet has the most pressure and may be the quickest)
- DO NOT run the washer or dishwasher.
 - If your laundry becomes stained DO NOT USE BLEACH AND DO NOT PUT LAUNDRY IN THE DRYER. Rewash clothes immediately using detergent.

