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NOTICE

WATER MAIN & HYDRANT FLUSHING

Fayetteville Area

OCWA will begin night-time water main flushing of the Village of Fayetteville and some of the surrounding areas starting **Sunday, July 22nd, 2018**. Flushing will be conducted Sunday nights through Friday mornings, between the hours of 10:30 PM and 6:00 AM (weather permitting) for the duration of the summer (and fall as necessary). The Night Flushing Crew will be checking and repairing valves starting the week of July 15th in preparation for the actual flushing activities.

The process of flushing the water system often results in cloudy or discolored water. Unfortunately, discolored water is an unavoidable effect of flushing. However, discolored water does not diminish the safety of the water supply and the water should clear after a short period of time.

While flushing crews are working in your area, please be observant of the water quality while doing laundry or other tasks that require rust-free water. Discolored or rusty water may be present in the area being flushed as well as in immediately adjacent areas. If you should encounter discolored water, we recommend that you run a cold water tap within your home or business to clear your line.

Please see the back side of this notice for tips and information to help you to prepare for flushing in your neighborhood.

Flushing water mains and hydrants provides several benefits to the water users as part of our preventative maintenance program. Flushing removes stagnant water, as well as, sediment and scale that accumulates in all water systems and affects the aesthetic quality of the public water supply. In addition, flushing allows us ability to exercise valves and verify fire hydrants are ready in the event of an emergency.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

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2018 Water Main Flushing

Why does OCWA "flush" the water mains?

Flushing the water mains improves water quality by removing sediment that slowly builds up at the bottom of the water main over time.

How will I know when OCWA is cleaning the water mains in my neighborhood?

OCWA will list the streets being flushed each day and maintain a list of streets that have been completed. This information will be posted on our website at www.OCWA.org.

How long does it take to clean water mains on each street?

It takes about 30 minutes to 60 minutes to flush the water mains on each street.

Why is OCWA flushing water mains at night?

OCWA's flushing crew will be working through the night and into the early morning hours to minimize the impact to our Customers.

Will I have water during the flushing activities?

Flushing may cause temporary pressure fluctuations along with sediment that may reach your home or business plumbing. Try not to use the water while we are flushing your street. Your water remains safe, however we recommend waiting until we have completed flushing activities on your street and you have run your cold water tap to remove any discolored water you may have pulled into the water line and/or building.

Night-time Flushing

Sunday PM - Friday AM
(10:30 PM – 6:00 AM)

<<< Tips for Customers >>>

- **AVOID** running your tap water while crews are flushing the water mains and hydrants on your street/area to avoid drawing any sediment or discolored water into your plumbing.
- **TURN OFF** automatic or water-using appliances and water treatment systems (e.g., dishwashers, ice makers, sprinkler systems, and softeners).
- If you must use the water, **AVOID** using the hot water tap to minimize any discolored water from being drawn into your hot water tank.
- Prior to using any hot water taps **AFTER** the flushing on your street has been completed, run the **COLD** water tap for a few minutes to ensure discolored water is cleared and is not drawn into your hot water tank.
- If you notice discolored water inside the home, after our crews have completed flushing on your street, run a **COLD** water tap for up to 15 minutes.
- **REMOVE** any screens or filters on your cold water tap before running it to clear the lines inside your home or building.

For Water Quality questions contact OCWA at:

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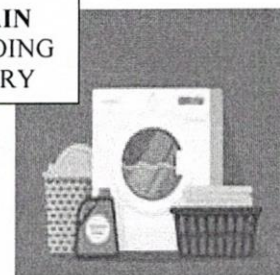
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