



Washington Township MUA Hydrant Flushing Program

The Washington Township MUA (WTMUA) will be conducting hydrant flushing in the Schooley's Mountain system during April and the Long Valley system in May. The work will be performed at all WTMUA-owned water systems during non-peak water usage hours between 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. and will not disrupt water service. Please do not be alarmed if WTMUA employees are working at a hydrant near your home.

What is hydrant flushing?

Hydrant flushing is the process of opening each fire hydrant and forcing water through the mains of our distribution system to dislodge small particles of rust and sediment that have built up over time. Although the sediment does not pose a health risk, it can result in discolored water when water travels through the mains during periods of peak demand. Hydrant flushing is an essential function of the Water Department to help maintain the delivery of quality water to its customers.

Is hydrant flushing going to interrupt my water service?

No. The Water Department flushes water mains during off-peak hours to alleviate any inconvenience to its customers.

How will hydrant flushing affect me?

Customers may experience discolored water for short periods of time while flushing is being done in their neighborhoods. The discoloration is not a health hazard and should clear after running your cold water faucet for 15 minutes.

Can I use my water during the hydrant flushing?

We strongly recommend that you refrain from using water for drinking, cooking, doing laundry, running dishwashers and toilet flushing between 12:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. In the morning, it is advisable to run your cold water tap until the water runs clear prior to using any appliances such as; dishwashers, washing machines, and hot/cold water dispensing units, to name a few. This will assist in removing sediment that may have been introduced into your system by water use during the flushing period.

When should I contact the WTMUA?

You should contact the WTMUA if running the cold water tap for 15 minutes doesn't clear the discoloration.

Any water discoloration you may experience should end by within a few days after flushing in your area has ended. Should discoloration continue beyond this point, please call the WTMUA office.

The WTMUA thanks you in advance for your cooperation with this program. If there are any questions, please contact the WTMUA @ (908) 876-3145 during office hours Monday through Friday.