

RM of Oakview

Hydrant Flushing FAQ's

Q. What should I do when I see Public Works crews flushing hydrants in my area?

A. Please drive carefully! Try to avoid flushing toilets or turning on taps to avoid any sediment or discoloured water running into your plumbing.

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Q. What should I do if I see discoloured water coming out of my faucet?

A. Shut the faucet off and wait for several minutes. Then allow cold water (not hot!!) to run for a few minutes to allow new water to work its way into your pipes.

Discoloration may continue for a short period of time in some cases. Don't be alarmed! This does not affect the water quality, only the appearance.

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Q. Can I do laundry during this time?

A. It is not advisable to do laundry, especially light colored fabrics during or immediately after flushing. Once flushing is complete, run cold water in your house until it is clear and then resume normal activity.

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Q. Can I use hot water during this time?

A. Never run hot water during or immediately after hydrant flushing as this could lead to sediment getting into your water heater.

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Q. What should I do if my water pressure seems low after flushing is complete?

A. Sediment may have been released from the flushing. Check your faucet and washer screens for trapped debris.

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If your water does not clear or your pressure is still reduced after 2 hours, please contact our office.

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