

2018 Fall Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Village of Victory:	October 15 th through October 19 th	All Hydrants
Village of Schuylerville:	October 22 nd through October 26 th	All Hydrants

Public Works crews will post notices on the streets that will be flushed to inform residents of flushing in their area.

Each spring and autumn, the Public Works and/or Water Department opens fire hydrants throughout the villages and allows the water to flow through the water mains at a high velocity. The hydrant-flushing program is very important to the maintenance of the water system.

The program serves the following purposes:

- Flushes sediments from mainline pipes (which enhances water quality)
- Verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves
- Helps find weaknesses in the distribution system
- Verifies ample flow for firefighting
- Avoids possible bacteria buildup in dead end lines

HINTS DURING HYDRANT FLUSHING

- There may be a temporary drop in water pressure at this time.
- Water may be rusty or cloudy. Discolored water is not harmful and will clear up in a few hours.
- Fill a bottle with water and store it in the refrigerator to use for drinking and cooking.
- Flush your hot water tanks after the cold water runs clear.
- Do not wash white laundry during this period (wait until cold AND hot water are clear before laundering whites).

WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER HYDRANT FLUSHING?

- If tap water is used during flushing, it could come out full of sediment that causes discoloration. If you encounter discolored water, *shut the water off and wait several minutes*. After waiting, check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes allowing new water to work its way into your plumbing. If the water is clear it's ok to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. In some cases, there may be a slight discoloration for a few hours. This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect the taste or water quality.
- *Avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing times in your area*. Wait until the water runs clear at the tap, then wash a load of dark clothes first. Hot water tanks can hold discolored water for some time after the cold water runs clear.
- If pressure or volume seems low, *check your faucet screens for trapped particles*.

For additional information, please contact the Board of Water Management at 695-3881.