



Hydrant Flushing and Maintenance Info

The Village of North Lewisburg maintains approximately 75 fire hydrants. This maintenance involves:

- Visual inspection of hydrant condition/leaks
- Paint rehabilitation and reflective strip installation
- Testing pressures, flow and operation
- Lubrication of caps and internal components
- Ensuring hydrant drains properly in preparation for winter
- Clearing brush and debris from around hydrant and valves
- Repairing or replacing hydrants that are out of service

The Village aims to flush and test every hydrant at least once per calendar year, usually in the fall.

Why flush fire hydrants?

- To clean water lines, ensuring delivery of the highest quality water possible
- To ensure hydrants are functioning properly

Will flushing affect your water?

During flushing, a high volume of water flows through the mains and essentially scours them, removing silt and minerals that may accumulate over time. This surge of water can sometimes cause pressure fluctuations and temporary discoloration at customer taps. *While discolored water is visually unappealing, it is disinfected and safe to drink- per federal and state standards.* There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water resulting from hydrant flushing.

What should you do?

If hydrant flushing is taking place near your residence:

1. If possible, avoid using water while the flushing is taking place. By not drawing water with appliances (dishwasher, washing machine) you can prevent discolored water from entering your household plumbing altogether.

2. Don't do laundry. The discolored water can stain fabrics. Wait until water runs clear at a sink before using and wash dark loads first.
3. If you do encounter discolored water following flushing, run the cold water taps throughout your home for 5 minutes, or until the water clears. You may choose to flush the lines with an outdoor spigot instead, in an effort to keep faucet aerators or screens free of sediment.
4. If, after flushing is complete, your water pressure or volume seems low, clean faucet screens/aerators to remove any silt or sediment that may be obstructing flow.

More Information

For further questions regarding hydrant flushing, or water quality issues lasting more than 4 hours following hydrant flushing, contact 937-747-3645.