



Department of Public Services

Stockbridge Facility

415 Stockbridge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49001-2898

Ph.269.337.8660

Fx.269.337.8533

Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contacts: James J. Baker, PE
Public Services Director
269-337-8148

2018 FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING

September 6, 2018, Kalamazoo MI - The City of Kalamazoo Public Services Department announces that the Fall Hydrant Flushing Program for 2018 will begin on September 16, 2018 and continue through September 24, 2018. Most of the flushing will be done at night between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. with some additional day flushing between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Public Services Department personnel will flush the hydrants and mains to remove accumulated sediments. While flushing doesn't affect the safety of the water supply, tap water may appear cloudy or discolored immediately after flushing. The City is advising residents to run their cold water in their bathtub or utility sink until it runs clear again, and is discouraging them from using their washing machines the day of flushing and for 24 hours after, since clothing could become discolored.

Periodic flushing is necessary to get rid of deposits that form inside the water mains. Over time, sediment builds up on the inside of water distribution pipes, narrowing the path that water can flow through to individual homes and businesses. Flushing stirs up water in the mains and forces water and sediments out. By widening the path that water can flow through the mains, the flushing program will improve water flow, helping the City to better meet the needs of Public Safety fire personnel. Another goal of the flushing program is to make sure that all water supply systems work, including pumps, storage tanks, mains, valves, and hydrants.

If you have scheduled construction or maintenance projects during this time, please contact Robert McClenney at 337-8148 so that necessary precautions can be taken to avoid conflicts or problems.

###