

Public Notice

Spring Water Main/Hydrant Flushing

2024

Beginning the Week of May 20, 2024 and continuing through early July 2024

The Town of Tewksbury Department of Public Works has begun its Spring water main/hydrant-flushing program. Water main/hydrant flushing activities will be conducted in the evenings between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, to minimize the impacts to our customers. This program ensures all areas of Town have high quality water, and helps to properly maintain and clean our piping network.

The 2024 Spring Flushing program should last approximately six weeks and is targeted to include all areas of Tewksbury. During this time, customers may notice episodes of decreased water pressure or discoloration of their water. Water discoloration results from temporary disturbances of the normal water flow within our piping network. The water is always safe for consumption as it is chlorinated, and the off color is essentially rust (iron). These short-term changes in flow can stir up naturally occurring minerals and sediment that settle within the water mains. If residents notice extreme discoloration, they should refrain from washing white laundry. If their laundry gets stained, they should contact the DPW who can provide a product that can reverse the staining. The objective of the water main/hydrant flushing program is to remove these accumulated sediments from our pipes by flushing the water out of the fire hydrants.

The Town will place variable-message signs in areas targeted for flushing during the week, as well as post updates to the town website on general work areas. If water discoloration occurs, customers should try to refrain from using hot water (for washing laundry, etc.) and run their cold-water faucets until the water appears clear.