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Water Main Flushing Program Begins in May

Streets impacted by flushing identified

(READING, MA – April 29, 2021) – Beginning May 10, 2021, the Department of Public Works, Water Division, will be conducting water main flushing, starting in the center of Town heading north and west of Route 28.

This year the Town is continuing with a new process for water main flushing, known as Unidirectional Flushing, which is done to improve water quality and fire flows and allow for the inspection and testing of many fire hydrants, water mains, and water line gates throughout the Town. The process takes longer than the previous method and will be done during daylight hours.

The streets impacted by water main flushing this year can be found on the Town's website:
https://www.readingma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf1116/f/uploads/2021_fire_water_main_flushing_area_0.pdf

Flushing will begin at 7:30 am and will end at approximately 2:30 pm Monday-Friday throughout the summer. Residents may notice discoloration in the water and a reduction in pressure. Both of these issues will be temporary. Although the water is safe to drink, residents may wish to check the water prior to washing any clothing.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause and we appreciate your cooperation in this effort as it will improve water quality and fire flow capabilities. Updates will be posted to the town's website (ReadingMA.gov) and on signboards in affected neighborhoods.

Residents with questions are encouraged to first check the town's website at ReadingMA.gov or utilize See Click Fix ('Report an issue' from the website). Peter Isbell, Water and Sewer Supervisor, is available at 781-942-9092 until 3PM or contact the Public Works Administration Office in Town Hall at 781-942-9077.