

The 2022 Spring Flushing Program will begin on Monday, March 21st

(Please note: you should check the schedule frequently as dates will be made more specific and/or may change due to weather or other factors)

TRY TO LIMIT USING WATER DURING THE FLUSHING PROCESS. When a resident uses their water while the hydrant on their street is being flushed, they might bring the discolored water into their home. The streets surrounding those being flushed, may also experience discolored water. Let your COLD water run and the discoloration should disappear. The discoloring is just sediment and while it is safe to drink, it just isn't too appealing. See more tips below.

March 21st- Kingcrest Terr, Lind Terr, Thompson Dr, Hurley Dr, JFK School, Alfred Terr

March 23rd- Tucker Terr, Milton Terr, Young Terr, Delorey Dr

March 24th- O'Connor Dr, Plain St, Hollis St, Petipas Ln, Howard St, Fernandez Cir

March 28th- Cullen Dr, Prospect Ave, Fernandez Cir, Wilmarth Rd, Hart Cir

March 30th- Hayward St., Petipas Ln, Orrin White Dr, Wilmarth Rd, Morton Rd, Fairfield Rd, Wyman Rd, Lancaster Rd

March 31st- Center St, Fencourt Ave, Union Sq, South St

April 4th- 8th- No flushing

April 11th- South St, Castleton Ave, Carleton Ave, Restarick Ave, Tileston Rd

April 13th- Reisner Rd, Boothby Cir, Truelson Dr, Maple St

April 14th- Maple St, Mark Terr, Lantern Ln, Darrell Dr, Old Mill Ln

April 18th- Van Beal Rd, Terry Dr, Lou Courtney Dr, Richard Rd

April 20th- Woodland Pkwy, Selwyn Rd, McElroy Way

April 21st- Corp. J L'Heureux Cir, Stoughton St, Fitch Terr, Bayberry Ln

April 25th- Beverly Terr, Gerald Ave, Virginia Cir, Crickett Ln

May 2nd- Cedar Cir, Millhouse Ave, Lori Ln, West Druid Hill Ave, Bonnie Ln, Joyce Cir, Gallagher Dr

May 4th- Nightingale Cir, McDonnell Dr, West Alden Ave, West Patterson Ave, East Englewood Ave

May 5th- East Alden Ave, North Richwood Ave, East Druid Hill Ave

May 9th- Quarry Rd, Katy Cir, Madison Ave, Woodlawn Rd

May 11th- North Glenway Ave, Fern Ave, Frederickson Dr, Oakwood Ave

May 12th- Karen Dr, Acorn Dr, Kristen Rd, Kathleen Rd, Kimberly Ln

What is Unidirectional Flushing (UDF)?

It is a method of cleaning the water mainlines through a network of flushing sequences with the water being discharged from a fire hydrant. A UDF program involves closing valves in a specific sequence to create water movement in one direction while opening specific hydrants at the end of that sequence.

Maintaining the flushing sequence is important so that the water used in the flushing sequence remains clean. The UDF technique allows higher water flow velocities by isolating certain sections of water mains. This higher water velocity allows for better scouring of pipes and will use 40% less water in the flushing process than traditional flushing. The flushing of the pipes will dislodge and remove mineral deposits, sediments and biological deposits that accumulate in the water mains. To view a sample Unidirectional Flushing Plan, please [click here](#).

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS during the hydrant flushing program and what to do if your water turns discolored:

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The best way to purge your home of the discolored water is to run **cold water** until the water runs clear. We suggest using the bathtub faucet because it flows more water. The water should run clear within 15-20 minutes but may last until more people in your neighborhood run their water to help move the discolored water out of the system.

AVOID THE USE of appliances that use water such as dishwashers and washing machines during the flushing process. Also, we recommend that you turn off any ice makers and do not use the water dispenser feature on your refrigerator as it can clog the filters.

PLEASE DO NOT RUN HOT or WARM WATER, as this forces the discolored water into the water heater, mixing it with clear stored water. If you do get rusty water in your hot water heater, drain the hot water heater per the manufacturer's instructions.

If you have aerators on your faucets you might want to rinse them out in case the screen caught any debris during the flushing process.

If your laundry becomes discolored from the use of rusty water, products like "Rover" can help remove temporary laundry colorization.

For MASS DEP - Water Main Flushing FAQ for Consumers, please [click here](#)

To view a video on the Hydrant Flushing Process, [click here](#).

For questions and concerns, you can call the DPW Office at 781-961-0942