

PRESS RELEASE

BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

THE WATER DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM BEGINNING MONDAY APRIL 8, 2013. THE PROGRAM WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS TO COMPLETE AND WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. THIS IS PART OF OUR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY TO OUR CUSTOMERS AS WELL SERVING THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- **IT FLUSHES SEDIMENTS FROM MAINLINE PIPES.**
- **IT VERIFIES THE PROPER OPERATION OF THE FIRE HYDRANTS.**

Residents may learn which areas are being flushed by calling the Water Department 973-838-1542 for the daily work schedule.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN THE BOROUGH CREWS ARE FLUSHING IN MY AREA?

IF YOU SEE A BOROUGH CREW FLUSHING A HYDRANT ON YOUR STREET, AVOID RUNNING TAP WATER AND USING THE WASHING MACHINE OR THE DISHWASHER UNTIL THE FLUSHING IS DONE. IF YOU SEE HYDRANT FLUSHING CREWS WORKING IN THE AREA, PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AND TREAT THEM LIKE ANY OTHER ROAD CONSTRUCTION CREW.

WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER HYDRANT FLUSHING?

- **IF TAP WATER IS USED DURING FLUSHING, IT COULD COME OUT DISCOLORED OR WITH BROWN SEDIMENT. IF THIS HAPPENS TURN THE WATER OFF AND WAIT SEVERAL MINUTES. AFTER WAITING, CHECK THE CLARITY BY RUNNING COLD WATER FOR A FEW MINUTES ALLOWING NEW WATER TO WORK ITS WAY INTO YOUR PIPES. IF THE WATER IS CLEAR IT'S OK TO USE, IF NOT, WAIT A FEW MORE MINUTES AND CHECK AGAIN. IN SOME CASES, THERE MAY BE SLIGHT DISCOLORATION FOR A FEW HOURS. THIS DISCOLORATION ONLY AFFECTS THE APPEARANCE OF THE WATER, AND DOES NOT AFFECT THE WATER QUALITY.**
- **AVOID WASHING LAUNDRY DURING SCHEDULED FLUSHING TIMES AS IT MAY STAIN CLOTHES. WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE AREA HAS BEEN FLUSHED AND THEN RUN THE TAP WATER UNTIL CLEAR. THEN PROCEED TO WASH A LOAD OF DARK CLOTHES FIRST.**
- **IF PRESSURE OR VOLUME SEEMS LOW, CHECK YOUR FAUCET SCREENS FOR TRAPPED PARTICLES.**

RESIDENTS MAY EXPECT SOME DISCOLORATION OF THE WATER FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME (FEW HOURS). IT IS NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH AND THIS CONDITION CAN BE REMEDIED BY ALLOWING THE WATER TO RUN UNTIL CLEAR.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION OR PROBLEMS DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS 6:00AM TO 2:00PM, PLEASE CALL 973-838-1542. After normal working hours please call the Bloomingdale Police at 973-838-0158 and they will contact water personnel.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.