

HYDRANT FLUSHING



CITY OF PARMA
OCT. 1 THROUGH OCT. 23, 2020
9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. DAILY



The Parma Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants as an ongoing program of hydrant and water maintenance. While hydrants are open, the homes on that block may experience discolored water or a drop in water pressure.

REASONS FOR TESTING

- To alleviate accumulation of mineral deposits within the water mains, thus reducing the incidence of discolored water.
- Preventative maintenance to make sure each hydrant is in top operating condition.

PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE

- Turn off any devices that automatically bring water into your home during flushing hours. Examples: Automatic ice makers, automatic yard sprinkling systems, etc.
- Avoid, if possible, running water. Examples: Doing laundry, running bathwater, etc.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE DISCOLORED WATER

1. Wait one (1) hour after you are sure hydrant flushing is completed for the day.
2. DO NOT USE HOT WATER.
3. Run **COLD** water from whatever faucet is closest to wherever the water supply enters your house (typically in the basement) for about fifteen (15) minutes. It should then become clear.
4. If the problem continues, contact the Cleveland Water Department:
Normal business hours: M-F, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., **216-664-3160**
Other times: **216-664-3060**

WHEN WILL MY STREET BE FLUSHED?

- Signs are posted at the ends of the street one (1) day prior to flushing. Example: A sign posted Tuesday afternoon indicates a Wednesday flushing. Signs are removed after the street has been flushed.
- A daily listing of streets to be flushed can be found on the Parma Fire Department website at <http://parmafire.squarespace.com/hydrant-flushing>.
- **The Parma Fire Department's primary responsibility is emergency responses.** Therefore, it is possible a street may not be flushed on its assigned day. Likewise, hydrant flushing will not take place if it is raining. In these instances, the signs will remain posted until flushing is completed.