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PUBLIC NOTICE: CITY OF WASHINGTON

WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING – April 15 -17 2026

City crews will be conducting water system flushing throughout the City of Washington. Crews will start on Wednesday April 15 near the golf course and proceed in an East-to-West direction, finishing in Jackson Heights on Thursday April 16th

What is expected during the hydrant flushing?
You may experience a temporary drop in water pressure at your residence or place of business. You may also notice rusty brown or cloudy water. These conditions will subside after the flushing is completed.

What should I do while the hydrants are flushing in my area?
Avoid using hot or cold water, especially the dishwasher and washing machine. Expect the operation to take up to an hour once crews begin flushing on your street. Wait until the flushing operation is completed. Avoid running any water inside your house during this time.

Why does my water look rusty or cloudy after hydrant flushing?
When a hydrant is opened, the water in the mainline flows out at a high velocity. This creates a scouring action in the pipe that dislodges fine sediment particles accumulated in the pipe. The fine sediment mixes with the water, turning the water into a cloudy or rusty brown color. This mixture is discharged out of the hydrant.

After the flushing operation is completed in your area and you experience brown or rusty water:
- First, open the cold-water faucets to let the water flow until it is clear. Turn off the cold-water faucets once it runs clear.
- Then, open the hot-water faucets to let the water flow until it is clear. Turn off the hot-water faucets once it runs clear.
- When both hot and cold water are clear, the water is ready for use as normal.
- It is recommended to wash a load or two of dark-colored clothes before washing any white fabrics.

Thank you for your patience as we service the water distribution system Please Share this notice with everyone you know ! Call Customer Service at 706-678-3277 if you have any questions.