

## **Hydrant Flushing Facts & Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why does the Village perform hydrant flushing?**

Hydrant flushing is the quick release of water from fire hydrants. It's a controlled procedure that is vital to the general maintenance of the Village's water distribution system. It ensures adequate water flow is available and improves water quality by clearing iron and other mineral deposits from the water mains.

### **What are the effects of hydrant flushing?**

Hydrant flushing helps ensure water quality and helps avoid random bouts of rusty water if there is a high demand for water and/or water main break.

During the flushing of a hydrant, some customers may notice reduced water pressure and flow.

### **Why is my water rust/tea-colored from the hydrant flushing? Is the water safe?**

Sometimes hydrant flushing can make the water temporarily appear rust-colored because the iron and other mineral deposits in the water mains get stirred up. There is no health hazard associated with discolored water. Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing, however it may stain laundry.

### **Does the Village test the water regularly? Is the testing done at various sites?**

The Village of South Blooming Grove tests the water regularly, following U.S. and NY Environmental Protection Agency protocols.

### **How come my water is discolored, but my neighbor didn't notice discoloration?**

If the water inside a home or business is turned on while hydrant flushing is going on, discolored water may enter your plumbing. If a neighbor did not use water during the day, they most likely will not notice any discoloration.

### **My water is discolored. What should I do?**

Wait until flushing has subsided in your area then run a cold water tap until the water runs clear.

Remember rust colored water is safe, but it may stain laundry. If this happens, keep clothes wet and treat them with stain remover.

The Village offers a stain removal product at no cost to residents and can be picked up at Village Hall, 811 Route 208, Monroe, New York 10950.