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The City of Bridgman will be flushing fire hydrants Friday September 15th through Sunday September 17th. Please be advised that flushing may cause some discoloration of water. This does not represent a health hazard. However, customers are cautioned to determine if the water is clear before washing clothes (or any other processing) as staining may occur. If you experience discolored water run the cold water in all your faucets for approximately 5-10 minutes.

The City regrets any temporary inconvenience you may experience however, the flushing program is necessary to maintain a good water supply for both firefighting and domestic consumption.

Why does the City perform hydrant flushing?

Hydrant flushing is the quick release of water from fire hydrants. It is a controlled procedure that is vital to the general maintenance of the City's water distribution system. It ensures adequate water flow is available to fire fighters, residents, and businesses. It also 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, caused by a major firefighting effort 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 City test the water regularly? Is the testing done at various sites?

The City tests the water both leaving the water plant and throughout the water system regularly, following Environmental Protection Agency protocols. Many tests are also completed around the clock during the water treatment process.

How come my water is discolored, but my neighbor didn't notice any 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.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Bridgman Fire Department