

**Borough of Chatham  
Department of Public Works  
Water Utility Division**



**Hydrant Flushing 2018**

**May 14 , 2018 – June 15, 2018**

Each year the Chatham Water Department flushes the water mains in the distribution system by opening hydrants. This is an essential part of our systems maintenance program, which helps us to provide residents with high quality water.

We flush our system to remove any buildup of mineral deposits and sediment inside the pipes. These harmless deposits can occur when water demands are reduced during winter months. As part of the process, flushing also allows us to use the hydrants to make sure they are operational.

**How are water mains flushed?**

Flushing involves systematically opening hydrants in specific areas to create increased water flows. When our crews are in your area, you may notice a drop in water pressure and or discolored water.

**What should I do if I experience discolored water in my home or business?**

Discolored water may occur because the sediment in water mains gets stirred up when the fire hydrants are used, and when the flow of water in the mains is changed. This is a fairly normal occurrence during flushing. If this happens, it is not harmful. Simply let your water run until it is clear.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact the Department of Public Works at 973-635-5242.

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