

# WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE



The Somerset Water Department performs water main flushing for the following reasons:

- 1) to clear water mains of sediment to improve water quality
- 2) to reduce water age
- 3) to test fire hydrants



## WATER MAIN FLUSHING SCHEDULE

Somerset Water Department will be flushing to clean the water mains of sediment during the following times:

Area	Period	Time
Whetstone Hill Road moving north towards Elm Street; then moving to the North Street area. The flushing can affect points south of this area.	10/16/23 – 10/20/23	9am-4pm

**This pipe cleaning operation could result in discolored water and/or loss of water pressure.**

**Week of 10/16/23 to 10/20/23**

Moffit Aveue  
Samson Avenue  
Calvin Avenue  
Denham Avenue  
Brian Avenue  
Riley Avenue  
Folson Avenue  
Highview Avenue  
Delaware Avenue  
New Jersey Avenue  
Maryland Avenue  
Pennsylvania Ave  
New Hampshire Ave  
Regan Road  
Winward Drive  
Duke Street  
Olympic Road

Highview Avenue  
Clearview Avenue  
Eastview Avenue  
New York Avenue  
Rhode Island Avenue  
Massachusetts Avenue  
Vermont Avenue  
Connecticut Avenue  
Mt Hope Road  
Mohawk Road  
Swampscott Road  
Rounseville Avenue  
Forsyth Avenue  
Jon Ester Road  
Place Avenue  
South Street  
Main Street

County Street  
Elm Street  
North Street  
Cheryl Lane  
Compos Street  
Pleasant Street  
Sandy Pt Road  
Falcon Locke Way  
Yankee Peddler Drive  
Trolley Car Drive  
Pleasant Street  
Old Colony Avenue  
Pilot Drive  
Anchor Drive  
Palmer Drive  
Maple Street  
Church Street  
School Street

If discolored water occurs in your home, run an outside faucet or the cold water in your bathtub for approximately 20 minutes until the water runs clear. This discoloration is not harmful and is due to sediment and iron that collects in the pipe throughout the year which is disturbed and removed by the flushing process. Residents and businesses are advised to postpone any laundry operations until the water entering their home or business is clear. If the discolored water persists, please contact the Water Department at 508-674-4215.



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## WATER AGE REDUCTION

Chlorine is added to drinking water to disinfect and passivate potential pathogens that may be present. As water with chlorine ages, byproducts are created. These byproducts have EPA regulated limits. With the closing of the Dynegy Power Plant, water age in our delivery pipes and tanks has increased. Occasionally we operate hydrants to flow water in an effort to reduce water age and these chlorinated byproducts.



## FIRE HYDRANT TESTING

Fire hydrants are operated occasionally to ensure proper operation and also in design of customer sprinkler systems. These operations can result in discolored water. We work to notify area customers when this occurs and to clear mains after testing. Please contact our office should you experience persistent discolored water.

## MassDEP WATER MAIN FLUSHING FAQ'S

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/water-main-flushing-fact-sheet-faq-for-consumers-0/download>



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