



## HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

The Somerset Water Department performs hydrant flushing for the following reasons:

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

### HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

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

Area	Period	Time
None scheduled		

**This pipe cleaning operation will result in discolored water.**

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.

## 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.

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