

**CHERRY VALLEY AND ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Attention Cherry Valley Water Customers:

The Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District will conduct its annual hydrant flushing program beginning Monday, May 7, 2018 in the **Cherry Valley** service area and complete the flushing program by Friday, May 18, 2018. District employees will flush hydrants daily between 7:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.

Attention Oxford, Rochdale and parts of Leicester Water Customers:

The Cherry Valley and Rochdale Water District will conduct its annual hydrant flushing program beginning Monday, May 21, 2018 in the **Oxford, Rochdale and parts of Leicester** service area and complete the flushing program by Tuesday, June 5, 2018. District employees will flush hydrants daily between 7:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.

Hydrant Flushing FAQ's

Q: What is Hydrant Flushing and why do we do it?

A: Annual or semi-annual flushing of water mains, via the fire hydrants, is a standard practice in the water industry, and is also a MassDEP requirement. Hydrant flushing is necessary to maintain the integrity of our water system.

It serves the following purposes:

- Improves water quality at the tap*
- Verifies hydrants are in good working order*
- Removes pipe tuberculation (buildup common in iron pipes that can reduce the ability to deliver water)*
- Removes naturally occurring sediment that accumulates in the lines*

Q: What will I experience during hydrant flushing?

A: While we are in your area you may experience a drop in water pressure or discoloration. A property closer to several hydrants may see a greater degree of this. The discoloration is normal and is due to the naturally occurring minerals and sediments that break off and dissolve during the flushing.

Q: Can I use the water during flushing?

A: Yes! Although the water is safe, it is a personal choice whether you would like to drink it. The water may have a taste or texture to which you are not accustomed. We also recommend not doing any light or white colored laundry while the water is discolored.

Once we have left your area, running the cold water in either your kitchen or bathroom tap for 10-15 minutes will help improve the discoloration.

Q: Was the public informed?

A: Absolutely! A notice was printed and included with the 5/1/18 water bills, is listed on our website along with our daily flushing schedule, which can be found at www.cvrwd.com and is also advertised on LCAC.

Q: Wait! I have more questions!

A: Please contact the CVRWD office at 508-892-9616 and we'd be happy to assist you!

Board of Water Commissioners,

Kevin M. Bergin, Chairman

Arthur E. J. Levesque, Commissioner

Michael L. Della Cava, Sr., Commissioner