

# Hydrant & Water Main Flushing

## NOTICE

**Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU) will be flushing fire hydrants and water mains on Tuesday, May 13th; Wednesday, May 14th; and Thursday, May 15th.**

Some customers may notice discoloration in their drinking water. The colors will range from red to black. Refrain from washing clothes or using water while GRPU staff is flushing in your neighborhood; you could draw discolored water into your home. If colored water appears, run your **COLD** water for 15-20 minutes until your service line clears itself. If colored water problems persist, please contact our office at 218-326-7024.

Note: It's possible, but unlikely, the schedule could change +/- one day. Changes would be announced on Facebook, website and radio.

We will make every effort to keep discolorations to a minimum, and apologize for any inconvenience. The flushing is necessary for proper maintenance of our distribution system.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*



### WHAT IS HYDRANT FLUSHING AND WHY IS IT DONE?

- To verify the fire hydrants are working properly for firefighting needs.
- To remove mineral deposits and sediment build up in water mains.
- To remove any stagnant water from the distribution system.

### HOW OFTEN IS HYDRANT FLUSHING DONE?

- Hydrant flushing is done once or twice per calendar year in Grand Rapids.

### WILL HYDRANT FLUSHING DISRUPT MY WATER SERVICE?

- Flushing will not disrupt your water service; however, it is common to see a drop in water pressure while crews are doing work in your area. If pressure remains low after crews flush in your area, check your faucet's aerator for trapped particles.



*Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission (GRPU) is a municipal utility established by the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Utilities under the jurisdiction of the GRPU include electric distribution, water treatment and distribution, and wastewater collection and treatment.*

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