

2018 FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

The Matawan Department of Public Works has begun high-velocity flushing of the water distribution system through fire hydrants. The hydrants will be opened between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. This year, the department will be utilizing the unidirectional method of flushing the system that will achieve a more thorough scouring of the mains. Additionally, all valves in the distribution system will be operated, inspected and logged into a Geographical Information System. This additional work is going to prolong the flushing program. Residents should anticipate the system flushing to continue through the summer.

While the hydrants are flowing customers can expect temporary water pressure fluctuations and discoloration.

- Do not run water or use washing machines while fire hydrants are being opened in the area.
- Open a cold water faucet and make sure the water is clear before doing laundry.
- If water discoloration occurs, run the cold water faucet for a few minutes until it clears. In some cases, it may take a little longer.
- Water discoloration only affects the appearance of the water and not the quality. No health hazards are associated with discolored water resulting from fire hydrant flushing.

Further information about the program can be obtained by contacting the water superintendent at (732) 290-2015, or via email at:

john.applegate@matawanborough.com.