

City of Auburn Hydrant Flushing Notice –

Water Department crews will be conducting routine hydrant flushing.

Customers in and around the flushing area may temporarily experience **discolored water or reduced water pressure**. If discoloration occurs, allow your **cold water to run until it clears**. We also recommend checking your water before doing laundry.

Hydrant flushing is an important part of maintaining our water distribution system. Flushing helps remove accumulated sediment from water mains while also allowing crews to verify that hydrants are operating properly.

We appreciate your patience while this maintenance is completed.

Hydrant Flushing & Waterline Maintenance

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The City of Auburn performs regular maintenance on hydrants to remove sediment and rust from the water and maintain proper chlorine concentrations. Proper chlorine levels in the water distribution system ensure consistent quality from the water treatment facility to your tap.

The flushing process removes naturally occurring minerals and sediments that build up in water mains over the course of the year and allows us to collect key data about the system. During flushing, we check and record water pressure to confirm the system operates as it should. Just as importantly, by opening each fire hydrant in our water distribution system, we ensure each one is properly maintained and available for use in the event of a fire.

When you see water running down the street as crews work on fire hydrants, it may appear to waste water; however, this important preventative maintenance activity maintains the integrity of the water system and allows us to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers.

The City of Auburn routinely performs hydrant flushing throughout the year. Spot maintenance and hydrant repairs are sometimes needed in certain areas of our system to maintain water quality. As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water.

This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety or quality of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, run all water faucets in your home for a few minutes to clear the pipes.

The City of Auburn's water distribution system is a complex network of pipes and storage reservoirs where sediment or deposits may naturally accumulate over time. Without regular flushing, these materials may cause water quality deterioration, taste and odor problems, or discoloration of the water. Water may also stagnate in lesser used parts of the distribution system. This can result in degraded water quality.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to deliver the best quality of water possible to you.