

NOTICE OF WATER MAIN FLUSHING



What is happening?

The **City of Framingham's Water Department** will be conducting a Water Main Flushing Program **beginning Monday, May 3, and continuing through approximately Friday, June 18, 2021.** The area to be flushed is bounded by the **Massachusetts Turnpike, Central Street, Wayland Town Line, Sudbury Town Line, Hemenway Road, and Edgell Road.** Flushing of water mains serving these areas will be **conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. in residential areas and 10 p.m. – 5 a.m. in business areas.** The program will be completed in phases to minimize any potential impacts to water quality and service. Water mains will be flushed by releasing water from selected hydrants in these areas.

What are the benefits of flushing water mains?

Water main flushing is an effective method of improving drinking water quality and is an integral component of a water utility's distribution system maintenance program.

Are there any short-term adverse impacts from water main flushing?

Water main flushing can cause **temporary** reductions in water pressure and discolored water from increased levels of dissolved iron. Discolored water due to increased levels of dissolved iron may not be aesthetically pleasing, but according to the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), it is not a public health threat. The City of Framingham Water Department is making every effort to minimize potential impacts from the program and will closely monitor water quality and water pressure while flushing mains.

Should City of Framingham customers take special precautions?

In general, customers do not have to take any special precautions. However, some customers, such as hospital and medical facilities, and businesses that use water in their manufacturing or cleaning process, may want to more closely monitor their water quality and water pressure while the City of Framingham flushing program is underway.

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Water Main Flushing Program, please contact the **City of Framingham Water Department at 508-532-6050 between the hours of 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. or please visit www.framinghamma.gov/flushing**