



Farmingdale Borough Water System Flushing

General Information

Changeovers occur as close to October 1st & April 1st every year as our contracts with NJ American Water reads.

Hydrant Flushing will occur the week prior to the yearly changeover.

The switch between our two sources, the Borough's allotted diversion rights to the aquifer ground water and our service agreement with New Jersey American Water requires us to complete this flushing task. During those switches we can have many small and sometimes larger issues, but one common issue is the need to clean out the water lines. So to do this we need to flush the system, which stirs up some sediment in the water lines causing discolored or "brown" water issues. Unfortunately, it's part of operating a water system. To help you plan to avoid these times, we are supplying these scheduled dates.

What you should do as a resident to help avoid issues in your residence:

- ~ Try not to run laundry during those periods, especially whites!
- ~ Try not to use any hot water, you don't want to fill the hot water tank up with any possible discolored water
- ~ If you have been out of the house all day, initially try to run your cold line closest to where the service comes into the house for about 5 minutes to look for discolored water. This way you can help avoid any of it getting into the rest of your water lines in the house. If you are experiencing any discolored water, run it until you get clear water, it should not be very long but it depends on your usage during the day and your location in the system.

The confirmation of the schedule will be posted on the Borough web site the morning of the flushing so you will know of any changes to the scheduled date. We have planned 2 days in case of last minute emergency change of plans.

There should be very little noticeable difference to the consumer at the time of or after the changeover, however issues can arise when changing over and if there should be any serious issues we will notify the residents.

NOTICE: I would like all residents to be aware of the hydrants near their homes or anywhere in the borough of Farmingdale. It is illegal to open a fire hydrant in the Borough of Farmingdale without prior approval and recognition by the DPW, Mayor and Council. If you should see anyone trying to open a Fire Hydrant who isn't either DPW or the Fire company during a fire emergency, please contact the borough offices at 732-938-4077 or 732-330-9962. Thank you for your diligence in helping the town control the natural resources that are precious to all our existence and the integrity of our water system.