

## 2019 Fall Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

<b>Village of Schuylerville:</b>	October 7 <sup>th</sup> through October 11 <sup>th</sup>	All Hydrants
<b>Village of Victory:</b>	October 15 <sup>th</sup> through October 18 <sup>th</sup>	All Hydrants

*Public Works crews will post notices on the streets that will be flushed to inform residents of flushing in their area.*

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Each spring and autumn, the Public Works and/or Water Department opens fire hydrants throughout the villages and allows the water to flow through the water mains at a high velocity. The hydrant-flushing program is very important to the maintenance of the water system.

The program serves the following purposes:

- Flushes sediments from mainline pipes (which enhances water quality)
- Verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves
- Helps find weaknesses in the distribution system
- Verifies ample flow for firefighting
- Avoids possible bacteria buildup in dead end lines

### HINTS DURING HYDRANT FLUSHING

- There may be a temporary drop in water pressure at this time.
- Water may be rusty or cloudy. Discolored water is not harmful and will clear up in a few hours.
- Fill a bottle with water and store it in the refrigerator to use for drinking and cooking.
- Flush your hot water tanks after the cold water runs clear.
- Do not wash white laundry during this period (wait until cold AND hot water are clear before laundering whites).

### WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER HYDRANT FLUSHING?

- If tap water is used during flushing, it could come out full of sediment that causes discoloration. If you encounter discolored water, *shut the water off and wait several minutes*. After waiting, check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes allowing new water to work its way into your plumbing. If the water is clear it's ok to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. In some cases, there may be a slight discoloration for a few hours. This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect the taste or water quality.
- *Avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing times in your area*. Wait until the water runs clear at the tap, then wash a load of dark clothes first. Hot water tanks can hold discolored water for some time after the cold water runs clear.
- If pressure or volume seems low, *check your faucet screens for trapped particles*.

For additional information, please contact the Board of Water Management at 918-8727.