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Important Hydrant Flushing Information Inside

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Hydrant Flushing



Why Flush Hydrants?

The city flushes over 650 hydrants in the Spring and Fall to remove iron deposits and sediment from the system. It also lets us know that the hydrants are working properly.

How does this affect your water?

You may experience some low pressure or water discoloration, especially when flushing takes place in your neighborhood. Once the hydrant flushing is complete, the water quality will return to normal.

Hydrant flushing will take place
between the hours of
10PM and 5AM
Wednesday, May 6th through
Wednesday, May 20th.

Is the water safe to drink?

Yes. If your water is discolored, it poses no threat to your health. You may choose not to drink the water during the flushing process. We suggest that you keep a pitcher of clean water in your refrigerator.

What about laundry?

Avoid doing laundry between 10PM and 10AM when hydrants are being flushed. Run cold water for 2-3 minutes after flushing hours to be sure your water is clear. If clothes become discolored, wash with rust remover.

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CITY OF LONG BEACH HYDRANT FLUSHING Scheduled to Begin May 6th

Dear Neighbor:

In our continuing effort to protect and preserve our city's drinking water, the City Council has announced that the Long Beach Water Transmission Department will conduct hydrant flushing May 6th through May 20th from 10PM to 5AM.

There are 650 hydrants throughout the City, and the flushing process is expected to be completed within two weeks.

Please keep in mind that your water may be affected during the flushing process. We advise that you clip and save the reverse side of this bulletin so that you may refer to the information provided.

This semi-annual flushing provides the City with safe and clean drinking water. Regular flushing also helps to ensure proper water pressure and aids in our fire fighting capabilities in the event of an emergency.

During the flushing procedure you may experience a temporary discoloration in your water. This may be remedied by running the tap



City Council Vice-President Fran Adelson and Water Transmission Superintendent Christopher Windle kick off the city-wide hydrant flushing program.

for a few minutes in the morning after flushing has finished for the day. As a precaution, we recommend you refrain from doing laundry **between the hours of 10PM and 10AM**, and to continue monitoring your water to see that it is clear.

We schedule hydrant flushing in the evening to avoid as much inconvenience as possible to our residents.

If you have questions regarding information on hydrant flushing and other City services, or for a daily update of flushing locations, please call the Water Transmission Department at 431-5694.

We also encourage you to download the "Long Beach Response" mobile app, the fastest way to find information about Long Beach, interact with City Government, or just locate the nearest restaurant or shop; available for both iOS and Android.

Sincerely,

Fran Adelson
City Council Vice-President

A Friendly Reminder: Please remember to park your vehicle 15 feet from hydrants. This will allow our firefighters quick access to water in the event of a fire.