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PRESS RELEASE

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2023 Fire Hydrant Flushing

The City of Kent Central Maintenance Division will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing program on Monday, May 22, 2023. The program is expected to last approximately eight weeks, ending on or before July 15, 2023. Flushing is scheduled between the hours of 2:00AM and 7:00AM weekdays. To notify residents' City crews will be placing signs in strategic locations the day before crews are to begin flushing in that area.

Hydrants are flushed each year to clean and maintain the quality of the water lines, to inspect fire hydrants, and to maintain water pressure.

During and following flushing, you may experience a discoloration of the water in your household. This discoloration does not indicate that the water is unsafe but may have a displeasing appearance and can stain laundry. Because of the possible discoloration, the city recommends that the following procedure be followed before washing clothes during the flushing schedule:

- Run a glass of water from your tap (allow cold water to run for 3 to 5 minutes before filling the glass).
- Check the glass for clarity. If clear, clothes may be washed. If water is discolored wait 15 to 20 minutes and repeat the procedure.

Although the crews are scheduled to flush on your street, flushing on nearby streets may also discolor your water. Therefore, checking the water (as stated above) before washing clothes should be practiced during the entire flushing schedule.

If you have any problems or questions regarding the flushing, please call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.

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