



# City of Lynwood Water System Flushing FAQ



During a flushing operation in your neighborhood, you'll see crews flushing via fire hydrants and end of water main blow pipes.

## Why do we want to "flush" the water mains?

Flushing the water mains improves water quality by removing sediment that slowly builds up at the bottom of the water main over time. The sediment comes from internal corrosion of the water mains over many years.

## How will I know when water mains are being cleaned?

Sometimes emergency flushing is necessary to clear the lines, however, The City of Lynwood will inform residents of scheduled flushing by posting notices on our website and post on Facebook.

## How will I be affected?

Flushing will generally occur between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. for most neighborhoods. Specific hydrants will be used to discharge water. There may be a slight drop in pressure or noticeable discoloration of the water from the minerals and sediments that are being flushed out. Water service should not be disrupted during the flushing process.

## What about water pressure and safety?

Flushing may cause short-term pressure fluctuations along with sediments in the water reaching your home or business, try to not use water during this time. Your water remains safe, meeting if not exceeding all water quality standards.

## What should I do if my water is discolored after the water mains have been flushed?

Water is sometimes discolored after water main cleaning, but this should not last long. In the event customers draw discolored water into the home, flush a cold tap only a few minutes, up to 15 minutes maximum. As a precaution, prior to using hot water run the cold water tap for a few minutes to ensure discolored water is not drawn into the hot water tank.

## To clear your water:

- We advise customers to flush a cold tap for a few minutes, for up to 15 minutes maximum. Do not choose a tap that has a water filter connected to it, or the sediment may clog your filter. Do not use a hot water tap because it could draw sediment into your hot water tank.
- Catch some water in a light colored cup or container, if it is clear, you can use your water.
- If the water coming from the tap doesn't clear in five minutes, wait 30 minutes and try again.
- If the water should remain discolored after three to four hours, please Contact the Utility Manager at 310.603.0220 ext. 804 or if after 5:00 p.m. at 310.466.9381

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