

Hydrant Flushing

Frequently Asked Questions for
Residents and Business Owners



General Flushing Schedule

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Beaver Borough usually flushes hydrants twice a year—once in the Spring and again in the Fall. Flushing hydrants usually takes two to three weeks to complete. As a result of this procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of silt and does not affect the safety of the water.

Further Questions?

Please contact the Beaver Borough Administrative Office at 724.773.6700 or beaverborough@comcast.net.





Frequently Asked Questions

Below please find common inquiries regarding hydrant flushing and answers to these common inquiries.

What should I do if my water is discolored?

If this discoloration occurs, simply run your cold water faucets for about 5 minutes to make sure the water is clear. If it doesn't clear up after a few minutes, wait for an extended period of time (up to two hours) and try running the cold faucets again. If the water is still not clear, please contact the administrative office. It is recommended that you do not do laundry during flushing periods to avoid stained clothing.

Why does Beaver Borough flush?

Water moves slowly through the system. This slow movement causes sediment and debris to build up over time and accumulate in the pipes. Brown water is the result of iron and manganese in the system. It is a natural by-product that occurs between the pipe and water. Believe it or not, it is a normal and natural process! The by-product, however, reduces the adequate volume of flow. Flushing the

system, through the use of fire hydrants, helps the velocity (or movement) of water through the system aiding in the removal of sediment and maintain water quality. Additionally, the flushing process ensures hydrant operation.

Isn't flushing a waste of water?

The process of flushing hydrants may seem the Borough is an important preventative maintenance activity which helps preserve the integrity of it's infrastructure.

When does flushing normally occur?

Flushing occurs twice a year—in the spring and fall. Typically, Borough staff will begin flushing around 7:00 AM and complete around 3:00 PM. If there is a change in schedule, it will be advertised in the Beaver County Times. Notice of flushing is also advertised accordingly.

What should I do if I see Beaver crews flushing hydrants in my area?

This is a work zone. Please drive carefully. Please practice caution and avoid approaching the crews near the hydrant. This is for your safety and the safety of the staff.

What should I do if my water pressure seems low after flushing?

Check your faucet and washer screens for trapped debris.

Is it okay to drink the discolored water?

It is recommended that water users wait until the water has cleared before using it for potable purposes.

Further questions? Please call 724.773.6700.