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Public Notice

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NOTICE: Fire Hydrant Testing & Flushing

The Town of Haughton will be inspecting, testing and flushing hydrants throughout the town beginning April 6th, 2025.

Flushing rids the water of mineral sediment, facilitates regular maintenance and ensures the hydrants are in a high state of serviceability in the event of an emergency. During flushing the hydrants are tested as well. Periodic testing of fire hydrants is required to maintain the fire department's protection rating and is necessary to ensure that the hydrants have adequate flow and pressure for firefighting.

Residents are encouraged to check for possible water discoloration prior to use. If water is discolored, it can usually be remedied by running a cold water tap for 4-5 minutes or until the water clears. Postponing laundry until water is clear (usually no more than one day) is recommended.

Why are hydrants flushed?

Periodically, you will see Town of Haughton personnel or third-party vendors releasing water from hydrants. Hydrant flushing is necessary to test the hydrants to make sure adequate flow and pressure is available. Flushing is also done to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the distribution pipes.

Is my water safe to drink after flushing?

Yes, your water is safe to drink. Occasionally, water becomes discolored after hydrant flushing. If this happens, run your cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clears. If it doesn't clear the first time, wait a few minutes and run the water again. You should avoid washing clothes until the water clears.

For additional information visit the [Environmental Protection Agency](#).
