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NOTICE

The City's hydrant flushing program is conducted in full compliance with the South Florida Water Management District's water-use restrictions

The City's hydrant flushing program is an integral part of maintaining our 1,123 miles of potable water mains. It is essential and necessary function of our maintenance programs and our ongoing effort to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible to our entire service area. The hydrant flushing program serves the following purposes:

- Flushes sediments from mainline pipes (enhances water quality)
- Verifies the proper operation of the 5,024 fire hydrants and valves in our system
- Allows us to test the hydraulic capacity of our water system under controlled conditions
- Identifies closed valves that could contribute to lower than designed flows
- Maintains mandatory chlorine residuals in low usage areas

Frequently Asked Questions:

What should I do when hydrants are being flushed in my neighborhood?

- Avoid running tap water and/or using the washing machine or dishwasher until the flushing is complete.
- Slow down and drive carefully while traveling through the flushing work zone.

What should I do after hydrants are flushed in my neighborhood?

- If you encounter discolored water, shut the water off and wait several minutes. Then check the water's clarity by running cold water for a few minutes so that new water works its way into your pipes. If it is still discolored, wait a few more minutes and check again. In rare cases, slight discoloration may be present for a few hours, but the water is safe to drink. The discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect the water's taste or quality.
- Wait until the water runs clear at your tap before washing laundry. Wash a load of dark clothes first.
- If water pressure or volume seems low; remove your faucet screens and check for trapped particles.