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CITY OF BURNSVILLE TO FLUSH HYDRANTS STARTING APRIL 8, 2008

The Burnsville Water Department will flush all City owned fire hydrants starting April 8, 2008. The anticipated completion date is May 23rd. Crews will be flushing from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Flushing may also take place on weekends with weather permitting. Hydrants are flushed to ensure they are working properly for fire suppression and also to remove iron deposits which may accumulate in watermains.

During this time it is not unusual to experience discolored water, pressure changes, and increased chlorine odors for short periods of time. This is caused by a change in water flow patterns stirring up iron deposits in watermains. Iron in the water is not a health issue but may impact the aesthetic quality of the water. If discolored water is present the problem may be corrected by opening all cold water faucets at the same time and allowing them to flow until the water clears. Opening the tap to check water quality prior to doing laundry is also recommended, especially before washing whites. If your laundry does become discolored you may obtain a bottle of rust remover from the Burnsville Maintenance Facility at 13713 Frontier Court.

Private hydrant flushing (commercial, townhouse associations, and apartment complexes) must be coordinated with the Utilities Supervisor to ensure a minimum amount of disturbance to the City's water distribution system. Please contact Linda Mullen at 952-895-4552.

For further information and general hydrant flushing questions please contact the Burnsville Maintenance Facility at 952-895-4550 or visit the City of Burnsville website at www.burnsville.org

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