



Spring Water Line Flushing On Tap For May *Annual Main Line & Fire Hydrants Testing & Service Maintenance*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 24, 2023-Just like the Sandhill cranes yearly return to the Yampa Valley each spring, the city's water team returns for its annual controlled flushing of the main water line network to keep water quality at top levels and ensure that fire hydrants are operational.

"Our team is responsible for the water mains, fire hydrants, and valves that provide fire protection and potable water to your home or business," said Distribution & Collection System Manager Michelle Carr. "This is just one aspect of the work, which is typically out of the public view, that constantly goes into ensuring the city's system remains in good working order for our community."

System flushing is necessary to remove sediment that naturally settles in pipes over time and especially during low flow periods. In addition, the program allows every fire hydrant (1,000+) to be serviced and tested to ensure it's in proper working condition.

Crews will begin flushing the system starting the first week of May and continue throughout spring. During the annual testing and service, residents may experience discolored water and fluctuating water pressures during this time.

Water should clear up quickly, and residents can run cold water from a bathtub for 10 to 15 minutes to help clear the water. However unlikely, if water doesn't clear up, turn off tub faucet, and wait 30 to 60 minutes before attempting to clear the line again.

Residents may contact the Water & Utilities Department at 970.871.6303 or reach out directly to Distribution & Collection System Manager, Michelle Carr, or Distribution & Collection Supervisor, Brian Morse. Water & Utilities information is also available at steamboatsprings.net/water.

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