

TOWN OF NORTH READING



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fall 2020 Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The North Reading Water Department, as part of the maintenance of the water distribution system, will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing program on September 21, 2020, and this program will continue until late in October.

Hydrant flushing is used to remove any fine iron or manganese sediment from the water mains in the streets. Iron and manganese are naturally occurring minerals found in the soils near the Town's water supply wells. As precipitation passes down through these soils, iron and manganese dissolve into the water. While the Water Department treats the well water specifically to remove iron and manganese, trace amounts of these minerals remain in the water leaving our water treatment plants. This remaining dissolved iron and manganese combine with oxygen in the water to form fine particles that settle out of the water in the water distribution system.

Iron and manganese do not present health risks, but can cause a number of aesthetic problems, such as discolored water and staining of plumbing fixtures or laundry. The fine particles of iron and manganese in the water mains can easily become re-suspended whenever there is a change in flow in the water system, such as during a fire or other periods of high water usage. By creating the high flow conditions through hydrant flushing, the Water Department attempts to remove the color-causing particles in a systematic manner.

The flushing program begins in the area of the water supply sources and moves progressively across the town, using areas that have already been cleaned to provide the water to areas yet to be flushed.

Flushing will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, typically between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Residents and business owners are cautioned that they may experience discolored water during the hours of flushing in their area.

For additional information on the flushing program, please contact the Department of Public Works at (978) 664-6060.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule - Fall, 2020

Day 1 - Monday, September 21

Allston Road	Elma Road	Old Andover Road
Audubon Road	Emerson Road	Pinecrest Road
Batchelder Avenue	Fairway Road	Pluff Avenue
Bates Road	Fieldcrest Terrace	Poplar Terrace
<i>(Wilmington)</i>	Flash Road	Porter Road
Belleflower Road	Hillside Road	Roach Circle
Brooks Road	Homestead Terrace	Shore Road
Burroughs Road	Lakeside Boulevard	St. Theresa's Street
Chester Street	Larson Street	Travelled Way
Cogswell Road	<i>(Wilmington)</i>	Virginia Road
Comeau Road	LeClair Street	Voke Street
Eaton Avenue	Main Street	
Edgewood Terrace	<i>(from Andover Town Line to Sullivan Road)</i>	Shaw's Plaza

Day 2 - Wednesday, September 23

Acorn Knoll	Hillview Road	Pine Ridge Road
Central Street	Lantern Lane	Puritan Road
<i>(from Andover Town Line to North Street)</i>	Memory Lane	Sandy Lane
Eugley Park	North Street	Shady Hill Drive
<i>(East and West)</i>	<i>(from Central Street to Sunset Avenue)</i>	

Day 3 - Thursday, September 24

Berridge Way	Main Street	Plymouth Street
Central Street	<i>(from North Street to Lowell Road)</i>	Pomeroy Road
<i>(from North Street to Spruce Road)</i>	North Street	Red Hill Road
Country Club Road	<i>(from Central Street to Main Street)</i>	Ridgeway Road
Deer Run Drive	Northridge Drive	Spring Lane
Eagle Drive	Oak Knoll Avenue	Valley Road
Fernway	Pine Glen Drive	Yankee Lane
Francis Street		Greenbriar Estates

Day 4 - Friday, September 25

Abbott Road	Main Street	Pine Avenue
Beech Road	<i>(from Sullivan Road to North Street)</i>	Rodgers Circle
Birch Street	Navillus Road	Sachem Street
Brian's Way	North Street	Shirley Avenue
Elvira Road	<i>(from Main Street to Lowell Road)</i>	Sullivan Road
Junction Road		Vine Street
Lawrence Road	Oak Avenue	Wilson Avenue
Leland Road	Patley Road	Winthrop Road
Lowell Road <i>(Route 62)</i>		