

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, began 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 5 – Monday, September 28

Aldersgate Way	Liberty Lane	Patriot Way
Baldwin Lane	Main Street	Pilgrim Street
Cameron Road	<i>(from Lowell Road to Winter Street)</i>	Quimby Road
Caroline Road	Nichols Street	Smythe Circle
Central Place	Old Farm Lane	Spruce Road
Central Street	Park Street	Winter Street
<i>(from Spruce Road to Park Street)</i>	<i>(from Main Street to Central Street)</i>	
Freedom Drive		

Day 6 – Wednesday, September 30

Burditt Road	Main Street	Shay Lane
Damon Street	<i>(from Winter Street to Park Street)</i>	Southwick Road
Eames Street	Mill Street	<i>(from #37 Southwick Road to Park Street)</i>
Gloria Lane	Nutter Road	
Gould Street	Park Street	Park Colony
Kingston Street	<i>(from Winter Street to Southwick Road)</i>	Condominiums
Larch Street		

Day 7 – Thursday, October 1

Alden Street	Linwood Avenue	Southwick Road
Carriage Way	MacArthur Road	Stewart Road
Cold Spring Road	Putnam Road	Summer Street
Gordon Lane	Rock Street	Wadsworth Road
Greene Street		

Day 8 – Friday, October 2

Barberry Lane	Oakland Road	Sandspur Lane
Furbish Pond Lane	Park Street	West Village Drive
Jill Circle	<i>(from Southwick Road to Wilmington Town Line)</i>	Little School
Kristyn Lane	Redmond Avenue	
Lisa Mary Drive		