

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 9 – Monday, October 5

Cedar Street	Haverhill Street	Railroad Avenue
Central Street (from Park Street to Chestnut Street)	(from Reading Town Line to Park Street)	Scotland Heights
Chestnut Street (from Park Street to Haverhill Street)	Park Street (from Haverhill Street to Oakdale Road)	Upton Avenue
		Ipswich River Park

Day 10 – Wednesday, October 7

Devons Road	Park Street (from Central Street to Oakdale Road)	Winterberry Lane
Dodge Road		North Reading
Juniper Road	Sherman Road	Middle School
Lee Road	Tamarack Road	North Reading
Meade Road	Taylor Road	High School
Oakdale Road		

Night 1 – Wednesday, October 7

Concord Street	Miles/AGFA Industrial Park (35 Concord Street)
Hallberg Park	
Riverpark Drive	

Day 11 – Thursday, October 8

Belmont Lane	(from North Street to Park Street)	School Hill Lane
Burnham Drive		Tower Hill Road
Eisenhaure Lane	Hill Street	
Gowing Lane	Oscars' Way	Batchelder School
Haverhill Street	Peabody Street	

Day 12 – Friday, October 9

Amber Lane	North Street)	Stonecleave Road
Barbie Lane	Janice Avenue	Sunset Avenue
First Street	Lloyd Road	Wagon Drive
George Root Lane	North Street	Wyoming Avenue
Haverhill Street (from Charles Street to	(from Pine Ridge Road to Haverhill Street)	