

Fire Hydrant Flushing Planned in Falls City

(KLZA) Falls City Utility and Fire personnel will be flushing fire hydrants throughout the city over the next few weeks to remove any sediment built up in the water mains. This is scheduled to start on October 31, 2012.

Customers may experience a temporary brownish-red discoloration of their water during this flushing process. However, Alan Romine of the Utility Department notes that this water discoloration does not pose any health threat and the water is safe to use.

Persons, who notice flushing in progress in their area, are advised not to use water for a short while until the flushing is complete, so as to not pull discolored water into their service piping. For those who do experience discoloration of water, the Water Department reminds them not to wash white clothes during this time since the brownish-red minerals will stain white cloth.

Romine commented: "The Water Department apologizes for any inconvenience that this flushing process might cause for consumers. The process of flushing the system at the fire hydrants removes as much of the build-up as possible. If we do not flush the system, excessive iron and manganese build up over time and could lead to long-term problems such as clogging of lines and water fixtures. Your patience is appreciated."

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