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Fall Hydrant Flushing to begin Monday, September 11th. The flushing will occur after 8:00 PM each day. It will take approx. 3 weeks to complete.

While flushing hydrants near your home, you can expect to see a temporary discoloration of the water in your home. High velocity flows scour rust particles from the inside of the water mains. While most of the rust is flushed from the pipes, a small amount will remain suspended in the water. This rust is harmless and the water may be safely consumed. The discoloration will dissipate quickly. After we have finished flushing in your area, run your cold water faucet to flush out the service line to your house.

A word of caution:

Rust will stain light colored laundry. Once hydrant flushing is done in your neighborhood, please be sure that both your hot and cold water are rust-free before running your washer. In the event that such staining occurs, most grocery and hardware stores carry laundry aids which help remove rust stains.

The City of Milan strives to ensure that all of the fire hydrants are in good working order at all times. Flushing fire hydrants may, at first glance, seem like a waste of water, but there are a number of things taking place during this exercise. We hope an explanation helps to ease any concerns you may have.

- During the fall flush, each hydrant is checked and any necessary repairs are made before winter sets in. Hydrants will be flushed during the late evening hours when water demand is the lowest and the least amount of residents will be affected.
- Flushing every 6 -12 months helps maintain water quality throughout the distribution system. During the spring, we inspect hydrants to ensure it was not damaged during the winter months. On occasion, a hydrant is struck by a vehicle or a plow and is damaged below ground or may have been used and the water was not pumped out causing freeze damage.
- During the spring, it may be necessary to flush for repair.
- City of Milan Police Department will be notified of affected areas before flushing in that area begins.

Thank you for your patience,

City of Milan Questions or concerns please contact: 734-439-2408