

TOWN OF NORTH READING



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fall 2019 Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

North Reading Water Department, as part of the maintenance of the water distribution system, began the annual fire hydrant flushing program on September 23 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 a.m. and 3 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, 2019

Day 13 – Wednesday, October 16

Anthony Road	Demetri Lane	Peter Road
Aspen Road	Haverhill Street	Westchester Drive
Charles Street	<i>(from Charles Street</i>	Westward Circle
Cheyenne Drive	<i>to Andover Town Line</i>	Hood School
Colonial Hill Drive		

Day 14 – Thursday, October 17

Ashwood Drive	Crestwood Road	Marshall Street
Boxwood Drive	Heritage Way	Parker Drive
Chestnut Street	Hickory Lane	Robin Road
<i>(from Haverhill Street</i>	Laurel Road	Timber Lane
<i>to Park Street east)</i>		

Day 15 – Friday, October 18

Anglewood Lane	Larchmont Road	Rust Lane
Appletree Lane	Mount Vernon Street	Sylvia Road
Bow Street	North Hill Drive	Takoma Circle
Chestnut Street	Park Street	Washington Street
<i>(from Park Street</i>	<i>(from Haverhill Street</i>	Whitcomb Way
<i>to Lynnfield Town Line</i>	<i>to Chestnut Street)</i>	Whittridge Place
Cobblers Lane	Parsonage Lane	Williams Road
Flint Street	Railroad Avenue	Woodland Drive
Grandview Road	Roosevelt Street	Wright Street
Harding Road		