



**ANNUAL SPRING HYDRANT AND WATER MAIN FLUSHING
SCHEDULED FOR April 4 through April 24**

To help maintain water quality and ensure the operation of our system's hydrants, the Elmira Water Board begins its annual spring hydrant and main flushing program on Thursday, April 4, 2024. The daily schedules can be found below.

LARGE MAINS

The program will begin with the flushing of large mains during the evening April 4 and April 5 from 9:00PM to 7:00AM.

SMALL MAINS & HYDRANTS

Small main hydrant flushing will be conducted in the late evening and early morning hours to minimize discolored water problems for customers. The schedule is as follows:

Week of April 8 - April 12: Flushing begins with hydrants on the north side of the Chemung River: This will cover the eastside, northside, downtown areas of Elmira as well as Elmira Heights and Horseheads.

Week of April 15 - April 19: Continuing in areas on the north side of the Chemung River: all of West Elmira and all hydrants south of the river.

HIGH PRESSURE AREAS

The high pressure areas of West Elmira, Elmira Heights, and the Town of Southport will be flushed during the week of April 22.

Elmira Water Board officials advise that discolored water problems may occur in affected areas, however this should clear up within one hour. The discoloration does not present a health problem, but could potentially cause problems if a customer is doing laundry. When flushing is taking place in your area, the Elmira Water Board suggests that you always run your cold water tap first to confirm the absence of discolored water in your pipes. In the event that you experience discolored water, running the cold water until it becomes clear will reduce the potential of discolored water adversely affecting your hot water tank. Customers are advised to call the Filtration Plant at (607) 732-2277 if discoloration continues.

For approximate dates that street hydrants will be flushed, contact Customer Service at the Main Office at (607) 733-9179 between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM or our Filter Plant at (607) 732-2277 (after hours). A complete schedule of the flushing program can be found below.