



Fire Hydrant Flushing

Each month, the Public Works Department opens fire hydrants throughout the city and allows the water to flow through the pipes. The hydrant-flushing program is very important to the maintenance of the city's water system through:

- Flushing sediments from mainline pipes (which enhances water quality);
- Verifying the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves;
- Helping find weaknesses in the water system;
- Checking for closed valves and weak flows in the water mains; and
- Verifying ample water flow for fire fighting.

Information about the days the fire hydrants will be flushed appears in the Rockdale Reporter and on the city's website.

Hints During Fire Hydrant Flushing Days

- There may be a temporary drop in water pressure at this time;
- Water may be rusty or cloudy, discolored water is not harmful and will clear up in a few hours;
- Fill a bottle with water and store it in the refrigerator to use for drinking or cooking;
- Flush you hot water tanks after the cold water clears; and
- Do not wash white laundry during this period (wait until cold and hot water are clear before laundering whites)