

# Town of Chincoteague, Inc.



## Hydrant Flushing Notification

The Town of Chincoteague's Public Works Department will be conducting its fire hydrant flushing program from 9pm until midnight on April 28<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This routine maintenance is essential for maintaining water quality and ensuring proper operation of the fire hydrants throughout Town.

### What Residents Should Know:

During hydrant flushing, residents in affected areas may experience temporary discoloration of water and fluctuations in water pressure. Discolored water may occur because the sediment in water mains gets stirred up when the fire hydrants are used and when the flow of water in mains changes. This is normal. If this happens, it is not harmful.

### Residents are advised to:

- Check water clarity before doing laundry or using hot water
- If discoloration occurs, run cold water in faucets for a few minutes until the water clears
- Avoid using hot water until the cold water runs clear
- Consider storing drinking water ahead of the scheduled flushing in your area

### Why We Flush Hydrants:

Hydrant flushing is a critical maintenance procedure that:

- Removes sediment from water mains
- Verifies proper operation of fire hydrants
- Helps maintain water quality
- Identifies weaknesses in the water distribution system

The Public Works Department appreciates residents' patience during this important maintenance work.

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