
**WATER MAIN FLUSHING STARTS MAY 8
EXPECTED TO LAST APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS**



The City of North Battleford will begin a comprehensive unidirectional flushing program Monday, May 8, 2017. The goal is to ensure the maintenance of water quality is at its optimal level and to properly maintain the City's water distribution lines.

If flushing is planned for a block, "Water Main Flushing" signs will be put on this block in the morning. This means that flushing will begin at 8 P.M. and run overnight until 8 A.M. In case of complications, flushing in that area may not be completed in one night and may need to be continued the coming night. "Water Main Flushing" signs will be removed once the flushing is completed in this block.

Residents and businesses in the flushing area will be advised not to use water during flushing times to prevent stained laundry, plugged filters and damaged hot water heaters. The City will not assume responsibility for damages.

The following tips are provided to protect residents and businesses from discoloured water and sediment produced by the flushing process. If these procedures are followed, there should not be any problems:

- Collect water for personal needs before 8 pm. Fill a large container or bathtub with water and use a pail full to flush toilet if required.
- Turn off water softener, freezer, or any device that may use water on a timer system.
- Do not use water from any taps. Turning off the valve below the water meter may ensure that no water is accidentally utilized (however, turning off the valve is not required).
- After flushing is complete (signs will be removed from the street) run the water from the tap closest to the water meter (outside tap ideal) for 10 minutes or until it runs clear.
- Restart water softener or any other devices that were turned off.
- Return to normal water usage.



- While the signs are on the street, you may use water as usual from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. Repeat the above steps each evening until flushing is complete on your street. (Signs will be removed.)
- Due to changes in water flow direction, loss of pressure and discolouration may occur even if your street isn't being flushed.

A map of the flushing areas and flushing order is on display at City Hall and available at www.cityofnb.ca. Updates will be posted on the City's Facebook page, twitter (@citynb) and the City website www.cityofnb.ca.

Flushing is a process by which water is moved through the lines at high velocity so a scouring action is created. Water is then discharged, removing any material build up from the line. Material removed from the lines through the flushing process is harmless and requires no special treatment.

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