

Water Quality Improvement Program Annual Flushing Program – 2008

The D.C. Water and Sewer Authority (WASA), is committed to supplying residences and businesses throughout the District of Columbia with safe drinking water. Water samples are taken and analyzed daily to ensure compliance with safe drinking water regulations.

To enhance the drinking water quality, annually WASA conducts a Flushing Program to systematically “flush” water mains in the distribution system. The water is released by sequentially opening the District’s 8,700 fire hydrants and flushing water in a unidirectional manner. Flushing water through the pipes at high velocities removes buildup that can cause discolored water problems. Routine maintenance is also performed on the valves and hydrants as they are opened.

This year the Flushing Program begins on March 16th 2008 and will continue through November 2008, Sunday through Thursday, 10:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. WASA water quality crews will be working in your neighborhoods at different intervals throughout the Program period.

Following is a table showing the boundary streets scheduled for flushing the weeks of **March 16th 2008 – April 4th 2008**. Please understand that the schedule is an estimate.

BOUNDARY STREETS				
Zone	North	East	South	West
A1-1	Minnesota Ave. SE	18 th St. SE	Valley Pl SE	14 th St SE
A1-19	Anacostia Avenue, SE	37 th Place, SE	Pennsylvania Avenue, SE	Minnesota Avenue, SE
L-1	M St NW	29 th St NW	K St NW	Potomac St NW
L-2	K St NW	24 th St NW	E St NW	27 th St NW
L-3	G St NW	17 th St NW	Constitution Ave NW	23 rd St NW
L-19	Benning Rd. NE	36 th St., NE	East Capitol St., NE	Anacostia Ave NE
L-20	Polk St., NE	Kenilworth Ave., NE	Benning Rd., NE	Anacostia Ave. NE
L-21	Sheriff Rd., NE	48 th St., NE	Gault Pl., NE	Minn. Ave., NE
1-42	Mt. Olivet Rd. NE	Bladensburg Rd. NE	Florida Ave. NE	Trinidad Ave. NE
2-43	Michigan Ave. NE	Eastern Ave. NE	Randolph St. NE	18 th St. NE
3-22	Military Rd. NW	Nebraska Ave. NW		39 th St. NW
3-23	Oliver St. NW	Broad Branch Rd. NW	Military Rd. NW	41 st St. NW
3-24	McKinley St. NW	29 th St. NW	Broad Branch Rd. NW	Nebraska Ave. NW

Note:

- *Flushing is performed between 10:30 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. when the water usage is low and customers are not inconvenienced due to low pressure.*
- *The water supply to customers is not shut off during flushing.*
- *Customers may notice some water discoloration in the early morning hours if WASA has been flushing mains in their neighborhood.*
- *If you are running water when WASA is flushing, you could experience some discolored water. If this happens, you should not run your hot water or do any laundry. Turn on and run your cold water until the water clears, then flush your hot water tank by opening the valve at the bottom of the tank. If you are doing laundry, do not dry these clothes, washing the items again will normally take care of the problem.*

If you have any questions, please call our Water Quality Office at (202) 612-3440 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If you have an emergency, please call WASA's 24-hours hotline: (202) 612-3400.

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