

IMPORTANT NOTICE- PLEASE READ

BUTLER WATER DEPARTMENT HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

The Butler Water Department will be conducting its annual hydrant flushing program beginning **Monday October 24, 2011**. The program will take approximately eight weeks to complete and will be conducted at various hours of the day and night. This is part of our continuous efforts to improve water quality to our customers as well as serving the following purposes:

- It flushes sediment from mainline pipes
- It verifies the proper operation of fire hydrants

Residents may learn which areas are being flushed checking our website www.butlerborough.com for our daily flushing schedule.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN THE BOROUGH CREWS ARE FLUSHING IN MY AREA?

If you see a Borough Crew Flushing a hydrant on your street, avoid running tap water and using the washing machine or the dishwasher until the flushing is done. If you see hydrant flushing crews working in the area, please drive carefully.

WHAT SHOULD I DO AFTER HYDRANT FLUSHING?

- If tap water is used during flushing, it could come out discolored or with brown sediment. If this happens, turn the water off and wait several minutes. After waiting, check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If the water is clear, it's ok to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. In some cases, there may be slight discoloration for a few hours. **This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water and does not affect the water quality.**
- Avoid washing laundry during flushing times as it may stain clothes. Wait until after the area has been flushed and then run the tap water until clear. Then proceed to wash a dark load of clothes first if possible.
- If pressure or volume seems low, check your faucet screens for trapped particles.

RESIDENTS MAY EXPERIENCE SOME DISCOLORATION OF THE WATER FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME (FEW HOURS). IT IS NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH AND THIS CONDITION CAN BE REMEDIED BY ALLOWING THE WATER TO RUN UNTIL CLEAR.

If you have any questions or problems during normal working hours (7AM-3:30PM) please call 973-838-7200 ext. 418. After normal business hours, please call 973-838-0063.

FOR A SCHEDULE OF WHERE WE WILL BE FLUSHING, GO TO www.butlerborough.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.