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FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM SET TO BEGIN MONDAY, APRIL 17

JACKSON, MI - The city of Jackson will begin its spring fire hydrant flushing program Monday, April 17.

Flushing will start in the southwest section of the city and will finish in the northeast section roughly two weeks later. Flushing is scheduled to take place from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

“This semi-annual flushing is necessary to wash iron and other sediment out of the city’s watermain,” Public Information Officer Will Forgrave said. “This sediment does not affect water quality, but the water can become discolored when hydrants in your area are in the process of being flushed.”

The water is safe to drink and discoloration often disappears within a short amount of time, city officials said.

Motorists are urged to slow down where flushing is taking place and to exercise caution - residents are advised to not wash their clothes while lines are flushed in or around their neighborhoods to avoid discoloration.

“It’s always advisable to check the color of the water before doing any laundry when we’re doing this program,” Department of Public Works Director Todd Knepper said.

A map of where the flushing will take place and when is available on the city’s website: www.cityofjackson.org.

For further information, call the DPW Department at 517-788-4170 or visit the city’s website.

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