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INFORMATIONAL RELEASE

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## Annual Hydrant Flushing

Burlington Water Resources will begin the annual inspection and flushing of fire hydrants on Monday April 23, 2018. This is a controlled procedure that is a vital component of our maintenance plan to ensure the distribution system is delivering the best possible water and all hydrants are in working order. In order to minimize water quality disruptions, we will be flushing all of the mains (major and minor) along with their related side streets before advancing to another area. All City owned hydrants will be exercised and the entire process is expected to take four months.

During this time, properties may experience lower pressure or discolored water. The discoloration is due to naturally occurring minerals and sediments that accumulate in water mains and the quick release of water from a hydrant can disturb them. If you are impacted by discolored water, please let one cold water tap run for several minutes to hasten the return of water clarity. We do not recommend laundering light colored clothing during hydrant flushing.

The daily schedule, interactive hydrant map and other information can be found by visiting [www.burlingtonvt.gov/dpw/hydrants](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/dpw/hydrants). The Water Resources Team is always available to answer questions, please call 863-4501 (24/7) or email [water-resources@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:water-resources@burlingtonvt.gov).