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ATTENTION RESIDENTS – INTERRUPTION OF WATER SERVICE:

The Village of Scotia Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants during the hours of 9 am – 3 pm. During this time, you may experience low water pressure.

The first time you turn on your water after the flushing is complete let the **cold water** run for 3-5 minutes to allow adequate flushing of your water pipes.

For more information about hydrant flushing and what new equipment has been installed to improve water quality, please see the reverse side of this notice.

If you have any questions or concerns after flushing your water pipes, please call the Department of Public Works at 518-393-2159. We are open from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday - Friday.

We will work hard to minimize the inconvenience.

Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

What new equipment has been installed?



We have installed a permanent automatic flushing station located next to 73 Washington Avenue. This station will help improve and maintain water quality by flushing less water more often on a scheduled basis to bring freshly treated water into this section of pipe in our distribution network. This helps maintain adequate residuals of free chlorine, which keeps the water safe to drink as it

moves, sometimes miles, from the treatment plant to your tap. Flushed water is directly discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

We will be testing the new station for several weeks to see how much water can be flushed without creating water discoloration to your tap. Water Department staff will be monitoring chlorine residuals directly from a test port located on the unit.

Why is my water discolored from flushing? Is the water safe?

Flushing can make the water appear rust-colored because the iron and other mineral deposits in the water mains get stirred up. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. Water is safe to use and consume during hydrant flushing, however it may stain laundry.

Does the Village test the water regularly?

The Village of Scotia tests the water leaving the water plant and throughout the water system regularly, following the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Health protocols.