



2010 Flushing Program

You'll know it's spring when Long Island American Water starts flushing the mains.

Each spring, Long Island American Water flushes its water distribution system. This is an essential part of our system maintenance program, which helps us to continue to provide you with high-quality water service. Although we've been carrying out this essential maintenance program for decades, we still receive questions from time to time about why we flush. Because the program is an important benefit to our customers, we'd like to tell you about it.

The reason we flush our fire hydrants is because it helps to clean out any build up of mineral deposits and sediment inside the pipes. These harmless deposits can occur when there is a reduced water demand during the winter months.

The program involves simultaneously opening fire hydrants in a specific area to create increased water flows. When crews are in your area, you may notice a drop in water pressure or discolored water. This is normal. If this happens, it is not harmful. Simply let your water run until it is clear.

What to do to prepare for flushing in your community:

- Draw water for cooking ahead of time.
- Store a large bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- Check for discolored water before using the washing machine or dishwasher.

Note: If your laundry becomes stained, DO NOT USE BLEACH AND DO NOT PUT YOUR LAUNDRY IN THE DRYER. Rewash clothes immediately using more detergent or a heavy duty detergent and add a rust remover. Most rust removers can also be used on stained fixtures.

Mark your calendar to be prepared when we begin flushing the water mains in your neighborhood. See our schedule on the reverse side of this card.



**LONG ISLAND
AMERICAN WATER**



2010 Flushing Schedule

Atlantic Beach	April 12 - April 23
Baldwin	May 17 - May 28
Bay Park.....	April 26 - May 7
Cedarhurst.....	April 12 - April 23
East Rockaway.....	April 26 - May 7
Hewlett.....	March 15 - March 26
Hewlett Bay Park	March 15 - March 26
Hewlett Harbor	March 15 - March 26
Hewlett Neck	March 15 - March 26
Inwood.....	April 12 - April 23
Island Park.....	May 10 - May 14
Lakeview	April 26 - May 7
Lawrence	April 12 - April 23
Lynbrook	April 26 - May 7
Malverne.....	April 26 - May 7
Meadowmere.....	April 12 - April 23
North Woodmere.....	March 1 - March 15
Oceanside.....	May 10 - May 28
Roosevelt	May 17 - May 28
South Hempstead	May 17 - May 28
Valley Stream.....	March 1 - March 22
West Hempstead.....	April 26 - May 7
Woodmere	March 1 - March 15
Woodsburgh	March 15- March 26

NOTE: NO FLUSHING will be conducted March 29 - April 6.

**The March 1 start date is tentative and weather permitting.

