



## What to do to prepare for flushing in your community

- **Mark your calendar to be prepared when we begin flushing the water mains in your neighborhood.**
- 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.



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# Fall Hydrant Flushing



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# FLUSHING

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Each year, Long Island American Water flushes the pipes in 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. We also flush our hydrants to make sure they are operational and to check fire flows in our system. 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.

## How We Flush

Flushing 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. Discolored water may occur, because the sediment in water mains get stirred up when the fire hydrants are used and when the flow of water in mains is changed. This is normal. If this happens, it is not harmful. Simply let your water run until it is clear.

## Why Flushing is Important

The reason we flush our system 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.

## 2010 Fall Flushing Schedule

Community	Dates of Flushing
Atlantic Beach	October 29 - November 11
Baldwin	November 12 - November 22
Bay Park	November 12 - November 22
Cedarhurst	October 29 - November 11
East Rockaway	November 12 - November 22
Hewlett	October 15 - October 28
Hewlett Bay Park	October 15 - October 28
Hewlett Harbor	October 15 - October 28
Hewlett Neck	October 15 - October 28
Inwood	October 29 - November 11
Island Park	October 29 - November 11
Lakeview	November 12 - November 22
Lawrence	October 29 - November 11
Lynbrook	November 12 - November 22
Malverne	November 12 - November 22
Meadowmere	October 29 - November 11
North Woodmere	October 1 - October 14
Oceanside	November 12 - November 22
Roosevelt	November 12 - November 22
South Hempstead	November 12 - November 22
Valley Stream	October 1 - October 14
West Hempstead	November 12 - November 22
Woodmere	October 1 - October 14
Woodsburgh	October 1 - October 14

Please see the back panel for more information on how you can prepare for fall flushing.