

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.

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2012 Spring Flushing Program



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essential part of our system
maintenance program



FLUSHING

An essential part of our annual system maintenance program

Each spring, 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. Although we've been carrying out this essential maintenance program for decades, we do 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.

Why flushing is important

Flushing our system 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. We also flush our hydrants to make sure they are operational and to check fire flows in our system.

How we flush our pipelines

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.

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

2012 Spring Flushing Schedule

Weather permitting, flushing will take place as follows. Updates will be posted on our website at www.longislandamwater.com (on the home page, click on Alerts Notifications along the top) and on Facebook at www.amwater.com/facebook/li.

NOTE: No flushing will be conducted on weekends or from April 6 to April 13.

Flushing hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community	Dates of Flushing
Atlantic Beach	March 31 - April 4
Baldwin	May 8 - May 25
Bay Park	April 27 - May 7
Cedarhurst	March 21 - April 4
East Rockaway	April 27 - May 7
Hewlett	March 14 - March 26
Hewlett Bay Park	March 14 - March 26
Hewlett Harbor	March 14 - March 26
Hewlett Neck	March 7 - March 19
Inwood	March 21 - April 4
Island Park	April 27 - May 7
Lakeview	April 4 - April 26
Lawrence	March 21 - April 4
Lynbrook	April 4 - April 26
Malverne	April 4 - April 26
Meadowmere	March 21 - April 4
North Woodmere	March 1 - March 15
Oceanside	May 2 - May 21
Roosevelt	May 16 - May 25
South Hempstead	May 8 - May 25
Valley Stream	March 1 - March 18
West Hempstead	April 4 - April 26
Woodmere	March 7 - March 19
Woodsburgh	March 7 - March 19