

NOTICE OF UPCOMING WORK

November 1, 2016

SPU will be flushing water mains in your neighborhood

PROJECT / DESCRIPTION:

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will be operating fire hydrants and flushing water mains in your neighborhood. SPU is performing this work to help maintain water quality and reduce the occurrence of discolored water that some West Seattle customers have been experiencing. Flushing won't eliminate discolored water, but it will help decrease it.

As a part of this work, SPU will be testing a new water main flushing technology that eliminates the need to discharge thousands of gallons of water into storm drains. The new method consists of a utility trailer (as seen here) with a filtering system. Connections between the trailer and water main are made with large diameter hoses attached to fire hydrants. Water used to flush the water main is circulated through the filtering system and returned back into the water main.

What do customers need to do? Please refrain from doing laundry during the scheduled work time. Water may be discolored and residents are encouraged to use as little water as possible during the scheduled work time.



SCHEDULE: November 9-11, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Work will occur at some fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Signs will be posted in advance at hydrants where crews will be flushing. **See the map on the back of this notice that shows the area in purple that will be flushed.**

PROJECT IMPACTS:

- **Temporary discolored water:** When crews are flushing nearby, customers will experience discolored water, which should clear quickly once crews are done flushing the water main. Running the cold water for a few minutes can also help clear the discoloration.
- **Reduction in water pressure:** Customers may notice a slight reduction in their water pressure while crews are flushing. Water pressure will return to normal when the flushing is complete.
- **Restricted parking:** Some street parking near the work sites may be restricted. "No Park" signs will be placed in advance to indicate where parking will be restricted.
- **Traffic impacts:** Temporary road closures and detours may be needed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Website: www.seattle.gov/util/westseattleflush Email: water.quality@seattle.gov
- Call our Project Manager, Dave Muto, at (206) 386-1264.
- If you experience discolored water that doesn't clear on its own or to report any other water quality issue, contact SPU's **24-hour emergency line at 206-386-1800.**