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CITY OF BURNSVILLE TO FLUSH HYDRANTS STARTING APRIL 15

The Burnsville Utilities Department will begin flushing all City-owned fire hydrants on **April 15, 2013**. The anticipated completion date is May 24, 2013. Crews will be flushing hydrants from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Flushing may also take place on weekends, weather permitting. City hydrants are flushed on a regular basis to ensure they are working properly for fire protection and to remove mineral deposits that may accumulate in water mains.

Residents are advised that the change in water flow patterns resulting from hydrant flushing may stir up mineral deposits in City water mains. During hydrant flushing, it is not unusual for residents to periodically experience discolored water, pressure changes and/or an increased chlorine odor.

Visible iron coloration in the water is not a health issue, but may impact the aesthetic quality of water. If residents notice discolored water, they can correct the problem by opening all cold water faucets in the home and allowing them to run at the same time until the water runs clear.

During the hydrant flushing period, residents are also encouraged to check the color of their water prior to doing laundry. Discolored water may stain clothes – particularly whites. Rust remover is available from the Burnsville Maintenance Facility, 13713 Frontier Court, for residents whose laundry has become discolored as a result of hydrant flushing.

Private hydrant flushing and maintenance for commercial buildings, townhome associations, and apartment complexes is the responsibility of the property owner, and must be coordinated with Burnsville's Utilities Superintendent to ensure minimal disturbance to the City's water distribution system. Contact Linda Mullen at 952-895-4550 to schedule private hydrant flushing.

For more information and general hydrant flushing questions, contact the Burnsville Maintenance Facility at 952-895-4550 or visit www.burnsville.org/hydrants.