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Unidirectional Water Main Flushing to Begin April 9th

The MPU Water Department will be performing Unidirectional Flushing (UDF) of the water mains to remove settled particles and clean the mains in the City of Manitowoc starting April 9th. Customers within the flushing zones will be notified via postcard or letter. Crews will also be posting signs in the flushing areas while working. Flushing should be done by 5pm each day. This process will continue in different areas of the city ending in November.

Flushing may cause water to temporarily appear dirty or rusty. Residents should avoid laundering clothes during this time to prevent possible staining. Once the mains have been flushed in a particular area, it may take several hours for water to run clear. Letting a cold water tap run will help flush the lines inside the home.

Motorist traveling in the flushing zones should be alert of workers, and of large volumes of water in the street.

MPU performs water main flushing periodically for the purpose of removing scale and mineral deposits, which build up over time. Flushing helps prolong the life expectancy of water mains, and also ensures adequate flow and pressure for consumption and fire protection.

If you have questions about this process, please go to www.mpu.org/water-utility/udf for a list of frequently asked questions and to see updates and our scheduled flushing areas.

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