

# City of NAPOLEON, Ohio

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# PRESS RELEASE

## FALL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

The City of Napoleon will be conducting its **FALL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM** on the following dates:

- ☛ **The weeks of October 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.**
- ☛ Flushing in the Downtown area, along with the areas of North Scott Street, Becklee Drive and Bonaparte Drive will be conducted on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

The City Crews will start flushing hydrants on the north side of the river near the Water Treatment Plant and work their way to the outer edges of the system.

The flushing of the system is a very important function of the overall maintenance of the water distribution system for the following reasons:

- ☛ To insure that the hydrants are in proper working order in case they are needed for fire fighting.
- ☛ To verify the flow and location of the hydrants for fire fighting.
- ☛ To pull fresh water to low flow and dead end sections of the water mains.

**The Water Distribution Department would like to advise that the water sometimes becomes rusty or off-color when we flush hydrants and encourages residents to check the water before doing any laundry, cooking, or showering. In case this does occur, the water lines may be cleared by running the washing machine on the full cold water cycle with no clothes in the washer. Also, check all other fixtures and let the water run until it is clear again.**

Except for the Downtown area schedule listed above, the crews will be starting at 7:30 a.m. and continue flushing until approximately 3:00 p.m. on weekdays during this period.

If there is any other questions or concerns on this matter please contact the Operations Department at 599-1891 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The City of Napoleon apologizes for any inconvenience during this period.