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Press Release

SPRING FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

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

- ☛ **The weeks of April 28 – May 2; May 5 – 9; and May 12 – 16, 2008.** Please note, due to the addition of numerous hydrants on the system, the spring fire hydrant flushing has been extended from two (2) weeks to three (3) weeks.
- ☛ Flushing in the Downtown area, along with the areas of North Scott Street, Becklee Drive and Bonaparte Drive will be conducted on May 9th, 2008 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 your 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 hydrants are flushed and residents are encouraged to check the water before doing any washing, cooking or using the shower. In case this does occur, the water lines may be cleared by running the washing machine through a full cycle with no clothes in the washer. Also check all other fixtures and let the water run until it is clear again.

The crews will begin flushing at 7:30 a.m. and continue until approximately 2:30 p.m. on weekdays during this period.

Any questions or concerns regarding this matter should be directed to the Operations Department at 599-1891 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The City of Napoleon apologizes for any inconvenience during this period.