



## CITY OF NAPOLEON, OHIO

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Fire Hydrant Flushing

The City of Napoleon will be conducting the SPRING FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM from Monday, April 1, 2019 through Friday, April 19, 2019. Flushing in the downtown area, including the areas of North Scott Street, Becklee Drive and Bonaparte Drive, will be conducted on Thursday, April 18, 2019 between the hours of 12:00 AM and 8:00 AM.

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 ensure that the hydrants are in proper working order in case they are needed for fighting fire.
- To verify the flow and location of the hydrants for fighting fire.
- 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 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 start at 7:30 AM and continue flushing until approximately 3:00 PM weekdays during this period.

Please contact the Operations Department between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at 419-599-1891 with any questions regarding this matter.

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