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Citywide Water Main Flushing Program to Begin January 27, Lasting through Early Summer

Be Advised: Community May Experience Reduced Water Quality During Flushing Periods for Their Area

Newport, Ore. - The City of Newport will begin a city-wide water main flushing program on Monday, Jan. 27 lasting into early summer, strengthening the city's high water quality. Flushing will take place Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. It is advised to reduce water usage when the flushing is taking place in your area as you may see a reduction in water quality and low water pressure. This is a new program by the city's Public Works department that is expected to take place annually.

The city will provide advance weekly updates on its social media channels, @NewportOre on Facebook and @CityOfNewportOR on Instagram, on the areas and neighborhoods in Newport which will have this service completed. Maps are included with this press release for the first three weeks of the program. Water main flushing is scheduled around Sam Case Elementary the week of Feb. 3, and around Newport High School the week of Feb. 10.

This program will remove debris, sediment, and minerals that have naturally built up in city water mains, helping to maintain Newport's high water quality, and improving the flow of water for the community. Due to this, community members may experience water discoloration and decreased water pressure while the flushing is taking place in their area. The project will take place during the winter months when the city's reservoirs have high levels of water available to be used for the flushing.

Flushing a water main on a single street may take up to one hour. High-pressure water is sent through the mains and discharged through fire hydrants onto local roads or other surface areas. No additives or chemicals are used for this process, and it does not pose any risks to wildlife or the ecosystem.

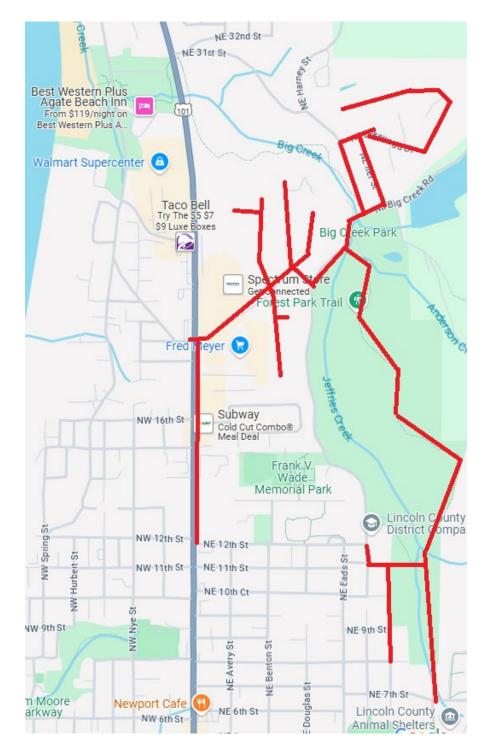
If you water appears dirty after the designated flushing period, it is recommended to take the following steps and precautions:

- Run a cold water tap for a few minutes up to 15 minutes or until the water runs clear.
- If you inadvertently drew discolored water into your home and the staining of clothes or fixtures does occur, rust removal products are available at most home products stores.



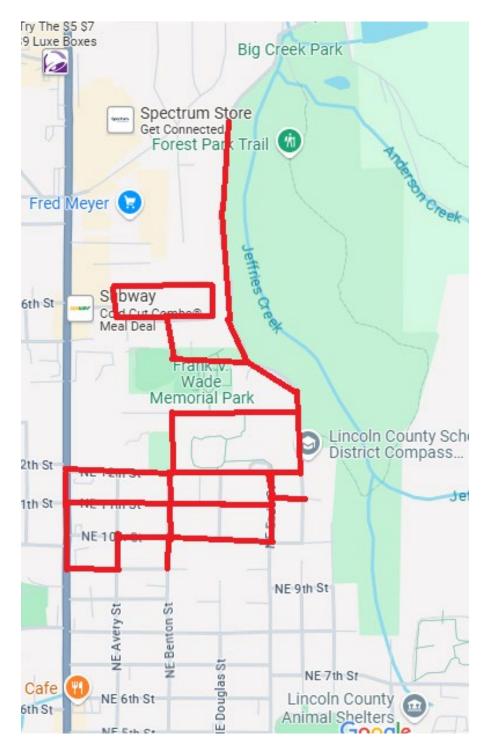


City of Newport Water Main Flushing Map January 27 - 30



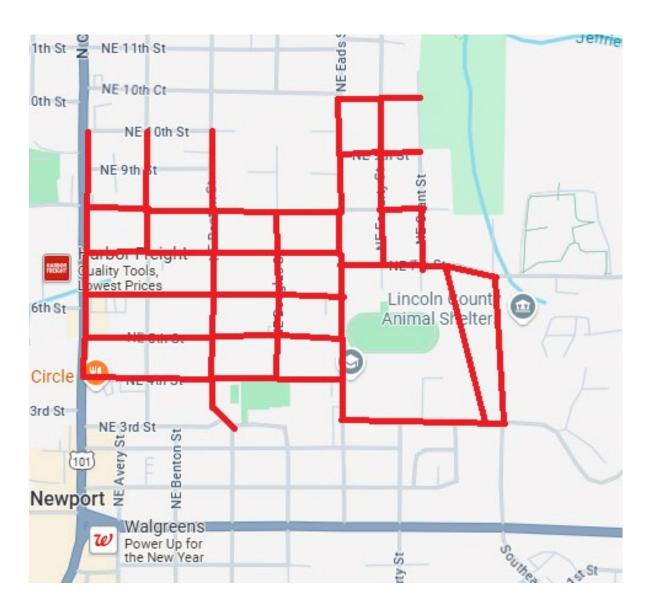


City of Newport Water Main Flushing Map February 3 - 6





City of Newport Water Main Flushing Map February 10 - 13



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