

# **City Wide Flushing Program**

## **Summary:**

The City of South Gate (City) owns and operates a water system that serves drinking water to a population of over 88,000 people. Water quality and system reliability is our top priority as we aim to ensure that safe, clean water is served to customers. In an effort to enhance water quality and system reliability, the City is initiating a flushing program at various fire hydrant locations throughout the City. Flushing fire hydrants is an important preventative procedure that helps deliver high water quality to our customers.

Flushing enhances the cleaning process and removes sediment buildup in the pipelines of the water distribution system. This process keeps pipes clean and the water clear. Flushing also maintains the reliability and integrity of the water distribution system. If fire hydrants are left unattended they will eventually impede water flow, which can lead to reduced water flows for fire protection and cause taste and discoloration issues.



## **Objective:**

The flushing program aims to ensure that the water system is providing the highest quality of water to our customers, as well as to enhance system reliability.

## **What to Expect:**

The flushing program will begin in late January and will continue through May 2021. During this time, City staff will issue notices of flushing activities by posting signs and distributing door hangers in surrounding areas. Flushing fire hydrants temporarily discharges water onto streets and gutters. Temporary discoloration may occur during the flushing procedure. The City does not recommend consuming discolored water. If you experience brown water issues in your faucets, it is recommended that you run your faucets until the water clears.

## **Questions?**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (323) 563-5790, during the regular business hours of 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday.

To report water emergencies on weekends and after-hours, please call the South Gate Police Department at (323) 563-5436. The Police Dispatcher will contact the on-call personnel for the Water Division.