



Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrant flushing will take place in the southeast quadrant this spring. It will begin Monday, May 9 and continue through the summer. This annual maintenance, performed by the Austin Fire Department, ensures hydrants are in working order and clears water lines of accumulated minerals and sediments.

As fire staff perform annual hydrant flushing, you may see water rushing out the side of the hydrant. Your home water may have an orange or rusty tint, although, is safe to use and drink. This discoloration is caused by iron sediments in the water main which are disturbed during the flushing process. If discoloration does occur within your home water, run the COLD water for several minutes and flush your toilets once or twice, this should clear your lines. If you have any questions or concerns regarding hydrant flushing, please call the Austin Fire Department at 507-433-3405.