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Leesburg Fire Department begins hydrant testing

LEESBURG, FL - The City of Leesburg Fire Department will start its annual fire hydrant testing and maintenance program on Monday, January 7, 2019. Testing is expected to take place Monday thru Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm, and should be completed by April 19. The City will post signs in the area to inform customers when testing is scheduled to occur.

This program allows the City to identify the quantity of water available for firefighting purposes and serves to rid the water distribution system of accumulations of sediment. The testing and maintenance process includes capturing flow readings, flushing of the fire hydrant and line, and cleaning and painting the hydrants.

Some areas may experience low water pressure during testing. Sediment stirred up by the hydrant flushing may accumulate in water lines and can affect water clarity.

Citizens who experience any unusual problems with their water after the hydrants are tested, such as discolored water or excessive air, are encouraged to turn on a faucet outside of the house and let it run for five to ten minutes. This will normally clear the agitated water from the service line to the home. Please delay any laundry until both the hot and cold water lines of the washer have cleared all sediment and returned to normal.

A slight decline in water quality is common immediately after hydrant testing takes place. If water quality does not improve or further problems occur, contact the City of Leesburg Public Works Department at (352) 728-9835.

Leesburg is a progressive city of more than 21,000 residents in northwest Lake County. The city government serves twice as many people with its electric, gas, water and wastewater public utilities. Leesburg is also a central hub for commerce, attracting 50,000 people to work each weekday. For more information, visit www.leesburgflorida.gov.

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