# Village of Fonda

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# Village of Fonda Fire Hydrant Flushing Notice

## **Dates and Times:**

- Wednesday, September 25, 2024: 8:00 AM 3:00 PM
- Thursday, September 26, 2024: 8:00 AM 3:00 PM

### **Potentially Affected Areas:**

• System-Wide – Village of Fonda Water Customers

To minimize disruption, we have scheduled this hydrant flushing during hours when many residents are at work or school. The hydrants to be flushed include those on Route 5 West near Cayadutta Creek and Route 334 at Keymark Corporation.

While we do not anticipate a system-wide impact, we want to proceed cautiously and notify you of the possibility of water being affected in your area.

**Boiling your water is NOT necessary**. Please review the recommendations below and refer to our Frequently Asked Questions for more information about the process and what to expect.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we complete this important maintenance work.

## What to Do Before Hydrant Flushing Begins and After Completion

## 1. Avoid Using Water During Flushing

- Do not use water while hydrants are being flushed in your area to prevent drawing discolored or sediment-laden water into your home plumbing.
- Prepare water needed for drinking or cooking consumption
- Wash clothing and run dishwashers the night or day before
- 2. Disconnect or Bypass In-Home Filters
  - If you have water softeners, reverse osmosis systems, or carbon filters, disconnect or bypass them during flushing. The stirred-up sediment can clog or damage these systems.
- 3. Wait Until Flushing is Complete
  - After flushing, begin clearing your home's water system by following the steps below.
- 4. Flush Cold Water Lines
  - Run cold water taps (kitchen, bathroom, showers, etc.) for 5-10 minutes to remove discolored water or sediment. Start with the taps closest to where the water enters your home.

#### 5. Flush Refrigerator Water Dispensers and Ice Makers

• Run the refrigerator's water dispenser for about 5 minutes and discard any ice made during or after flushing to avoid sediment buildup.

### 6. Avoid Hot Water Usage Until Cold Water Runs Clear

• Using hot water before the cold water is clear may cause sediment to enter your hot water tank. Wait until all cold water taps run clear before using hot water.

#### 7. Check and Clean Filters

• After flushing your cold water lines, reconnect or reactivate your in-home filters and softeners. Be sure to clean or replace filters to ensure no sediment remains.

#### 8. Inspect Appliances

• If discolored water reaches your dishwasher or washing machine, run them through a cleaning cycle without dishes or clothes to clear out any sediment.

Following these steps can help minimize disruptions from the hydrant flushing process and protect your home's plumbing and appliances from potential sediment buildup.