

Village of Elberta

Hydrant Flushing Notice & Guidance



Target Weeks: July 6 & July 13, 2026

The Village of Elberta's water utility will be **pressurizing and flushing fire hydrants** to remove sediment, rust, and other buildup from the water mains. This routine maintenance helps keep our drinking water clean and safe and is required by the **Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)**.

Why We Flush Hydrants

Flushing moves fresh water through the system to clear out stagnant water that may contain minerals or sediment. It's especially important after long maintenance periods or system repairs.

What to Expect

- **Temporary changes in water quality:** You may notice rust-colored or brown water, or a metallic taste. This is normal and will clear as flushing continues.
- **Reduced pressure:** Some homes may experience lower water pressure or brief service interruptions.
- **Timing:** Flushing may take several hours to a few days, depending on the number of hydrants and system size.

What You Can Do

- **Run cold water:** Open faucets on the lowest floor first, then work upward. Let cold water run for about 30 minutes to clear your lines.
- **Flush appliances:** After service is restored, run water through refrigerators, ice makers, water softeners, and humidifiers to remove any sediment.
- **Avoid hot water:** Wait until flushing is complete before using hot water for drinking, cooking, or baby formula.

Questions or Concerns

Contact the **Village of Elberta Department of Public Works** at **231-651-9626** or email dpw@villageofelberta.com. We appreciate your patience as we complete this important maintenance to keep our water system safe and reliable.