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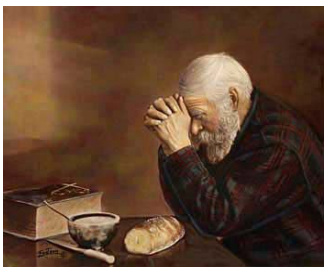

FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING FAQ's

Why Flush Fire Hydrants?
The City flushes fire hydrants to clean out iron deposits in the water lines, to verify the hydrants are working properly, and to assure continued high quality drinking water. Fire hydrant flushing also provides the Fire and Water departments with valuable information about water volume and flow.

What Takes Place During Flushing?
During the flushing process, a City operator opens each hydrant to its maximum flow. The large flow volume stirs up iron deposits and sediments and discharges them from the system. The hydrant will be flushed until clean water flows from the hydrant. After the flushing process the operator will perform a pressure test, clean and lubricate the threads and actuator assembly and record the information and any deficiencies found needing repair.

How Often Are Hydrants Flushed?
The City flushes hydrants twice a year. Before scheduled flushing occurs, the flushing date is posted at the Post Office, City Hall and on the cities Public Access Channel 2.

Will Hydrant Flushing Affect Your Water?
During the Flushing process, you may experience some water discoloration, especially when flushing is being done in your neighborhood. Once the hydrant flushing is complete, the water quality will return to normal.

What Precautions Should You Take?
Before doing laundry or drawing water for drinking or cooking or any other projects that may suffer from discolored water, make sure the water is running clear. If your water is discolored, run water from all the faucets until the water runs clear. It is also a good idea to keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator before flushing starts.

Questions?
If you have any questions about hydrant flushing contact the City Water Department at 218-245-1633 or send an email to boveycitypw@hotmail.com