

## What to do to prepare for flushing in your community

- Draw water for cooking ahead of time.
- Store a large bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- Check for discolored water before using the washing machine or dishwasher.

**Note:** If your laundry becomes stained, DO NOT USE BLEACH AND DO NOT PUT YOUR LAUNDRY IN THE DRYER. Rewash clothes immediately using more detergent or a heavy duty detergent and add a rust remover. Most rust removers can also be used on stained fixtures.

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# 2017 Spring Flushing Program



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# FLUSHING

## An essential part of our annual system maintenance program

Each spring, New York American Water flushes the pipes in its water distribution system. This is an essential part of our system maintenance program, which helps us to continue to provide you with high-quality water service. Although we've been carrying out this essential maintenance program for decades, we do receive questions from time to time about why we flush. Because the program is an important benefit to our customers, we'd like to tell you about it.

### Why flushing is important

Flushing our system helps to clean out any build up of mineral deposits and sediment inside the pipes. These harmless deposits can occur when there is a reduced water demand. We also flush our hydrants to make sure they are operational and to check fire flows in our system.

### How we flush our pipelines

Flushing involves simultaneously opening fire hydrants in a specific area to create increased water flows. When crews are in your area, you may notice a drop in water pressure or discolored water. Discolored water may occur, because the sediment in water mains get stirred up when the fire hydrants are used and when the flow of water in mains is changed. This is normal. If this happens, it is not harmful. Simply let your water run until it is clear.

### Mark your calendars

Weather permitting, flushing will take place March through May. For updates, visit [newyorkamwater.com](http://newyorkamwater.com) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nyamwater](https://www.facebook.com/nyamwater).

## 2017 Spring Flushing Schedule

**Flushing hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**NOTE:** No flushing will be conducted on April 14 (Good Friday) or from April 10 - April 18 (Passover).

Community	Start Date	End Date
Atlantic Beach	3/13/2017	3/17/2017
Baldwin	5/8/2017	5/19/2017
Bay Park	4/24/2017	5/5/2017
Bellmore	4/24/2017	4/26/2017
Cedarhurst	3/20/2017	3/31/2017
East Atlantic Beach	3/13/2017	3/17/2017
East Rockaway	4/24/2017	5/5/2016
Glen Head	5/1/2017	5/5/2017
Glenwood Landing	5/8/2017	5/12/2017
Hewlett	3/13/2017	3/17/2017
Hewlett Bay Park	3/13/2017	3/17/2017
Hewlett Hbr	3/13/2017	3/17/2017
Hewlett Neck	3/13/2017	3/17/2017
Inwood	3/20/2017	3/31/2017
Island Park	4/24/2017	5/5/2017
Lakeview	4/3/2017	4/13/2017
Lawrence	3/20/2017	3/31/2017
Levittown	5/1/2017	5/5/2017
Lynbrook	4/3/2017	4/13/2017
Malverne	4/3/2017	4/13/2017
Massapequa	5/15/2017	5/19/2017
Meadowmere	3/27/2017	3/31/2017
Merrick	4/3/2017	4/6/2017
Millneck	5/22/2017	5/22/2017
North Bellmore	4/19/2017	4/21/2017
North Merrick	3/27/2017	3/31/2017
North Seaford	5/1/2017	5/5/2017
North Wantagh	5/1/2017	5/5/2017
North Woodmere	4/19/2017	4/28/2017
Oceanside	5/1/2017	5/19/2017
Roosevelt	5/15/2017	5/19/2017
Roslyn Harbor	5/8/2017	5/12/2017
S. Hempstead	5/8/2017	5/19/2017
Sea Cliff	5/15/2017	5/19/2017
Seaford/South Seaford	5/8/2017	5/12/2017
South Bellmore	4/24/2017	4/26/2017
South Merrick	4/3/2017	4/7/2017
South Wantagh	5/8/2017	5/12/2017
Valley Stream	4/19/2017	4/28/2017
Wantagh	5/8/2017	5/12/2017
West Hempstead	4/3/2017	4/7/2017
Woodmere	4/19/2017	4/28/2017
Woodsburgh	4/19/2017	4/28/2017

