

# OXFORD COUNTY NOTICE

## Watermain Flushing – Fall 2022

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Having 100% groundwater as our drinking water source means that mineral build-up in our distribution system is common. Regular watermain flushing helps maintain drinking water quality by removing build-up and mineral deposits in the distribution system.

Oxford County Water Operations performs watermain flushing twice a year by forcing water through watermains at high speed and discharging it through hydrants and blow-offs. The fast-moving water washes away any sediment.

### What you need to know

#### 1. Flushing can cause discoloured water.

Discoloured water following watermain flushing is not uncommon and is only temporary. This is due to the iron and is an aesthetic problem, and not a health concern.

We recommend waiting until your water runs clear before using it.

Please contact Oxford County if:

- Your water clarity has not returned to normal two hours after flushing.
- You have low water pressure or no water after watermain flushing.

#### 2. Steps to prepare for water flushing.

Before

- Set aside tap water for drinking, cooking, and other household uses
- Complete tasks that use tap water in advance (i.e., cleaning, showering, laundry)

During

- Avoid using water to prevent drawing discoloured water into your pipes

After

- If you experience discoloured water, run cold water for 10 minutes until the water runs clear
- This could be from an outside tap or laundry faucet if not connected to a water softener or filter. As a tip, you can use your garden hose to water your lawn or garden while completing this step
- Resume normal use

### Schedule for watermain flushing – Fall 2022

Beachville, September 26, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hickson/Dereham Centre, September 29, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thamesford October 3 - October 6, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bright, October 13, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Otterville-Springford, October 17 - October 20, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lakeside, October 17, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Drumbo/Princeton, October 24 - October 28, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mount Elgin, October 31, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Norwich, October 3 - October 7, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Plattsville, October 11 - October 14, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sweaburg, October 14, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Embroy, October 21, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Innerkip, October 18 - October 21, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tavistock, October 23, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and October 24 - October 28, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Please contact: Oxford County Public Works at 1-800-755-0394, extension 3915 or [publicworks@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:publicworks@oxfordcounty.ca)

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