

NOTICE

Watermain Flushing

FALL 2023



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With 100% groundwater as the County's drinking water source, mineral build-up in the water distribution system is common.

Regular watermain flushing helps maintain drinking water quality by removing build-up and mineral deposits in the distribution system. This is done 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

Flushing can cause discoloured water.

Discoloured water following watermain flushing is not uncommon and is only temporary. This is an aesthetic characteristic of the water, and not a health concern.

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

Please contact Oxford County if:

- Your water does not run clear after two hours
- You have low water pressure or no water after watermain flushing

STEPS TO PREPARE

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 done from an outside tap or laundry faucet **if not connected to a water softener or filter.**

TIP

You can use your garden hose to water your lawn or garden while completing this step!

- Resume normal use

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COMMUNITY	FLUSHING DATES	TIME
Tavistock	September 24 September 25 – September 29	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Lakeside	September 25	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Embro	September 26	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Beachville	September 27	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bright	September 28	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hickson	September 29	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Dereham Center	September 29	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Plattsville	October 3 – October 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thamesford	October 3 – October 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Innerkip	October 10 – October 13	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Otterville and Springford	October 10 – October 13	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Ingersoll (South of King St.)	October 16 – October 20	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Ingersoll (North of King St.)	October 23 – October 27	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Drumbo <i>(swabbing separate notice to follow)</i>	October 30 – November 2	10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
Princeton	November 6 – November 8	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Brownsville	November 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mount Elgin	November 9	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sweaburg	November 10	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Norwich	November 13 – November 17	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please see reverse for information about preparing for watermain flushing in your home.