

NOTICE: NE SAMMAMISH SEWER & WATER DISTRICT FLUSHING PROGRAM

HIGH VELOCITY

The UDF (Unidirectional Flushing) technique allows higher water flow velocities by isolating certain sections of water mains. The higher water velocity allows for better scouring of the pipes and will use 40% less water in the flushing process than conventional flushing methods. Flushing pipes at higher velocities will dislodge and remove mineral deposits and sediment that accumulate in the water mains over time.

WHY IS THE DISTRICT FLUSHING?

Water mains are flushed to remove sediment and mineral deposits from the pipes to maintain water clarity and quality. In addition, it gives District personnel the opportunity to operate valves and fire hydrants and to address any problems encountered. This helps to ensure that hydrants and valves are in good working order.

NOTIFICATIONS & UPDATES

- Customers will be notified in advance prior to flushing in their area.
- Work is expected to take place over the next several weeks between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (Tuesday through Thursday).
- Weekly updates will be posted on the District website throughout the project along with maps showing affected area.
- Door hangers will be distributed each Friday for the following week's scheduled areas.
- A reminder sign will be placed in your neighborhood the day before work begins. On the day of flushing, signage will indicate that work is in progress

AFTER SERVICE IS RESTORED

- You may notice brief discoloration immediately after your water is turned back on.
- We recommend running your home's **cold water** through a non-aerated fixture (such as a hose bib or bathtub faucet) until the water runs clear.
- Additional flushing of indoor fixtures may be needed to remove any air or discoloration.
- Avoid using hot water or doing laundry until the water runs clear to prevent staining.
- If you experience prolonged discoloration or have questions, please contact the District at 425-868-1144.