



## Fire Hydrant Flushing

Each month, the Public Works Department opens fire hydrants throughout the city and allows the water to flow through the pipes. The hydrant-flushing program is very important to the maintenance of the city's water system through:

- Flushing sediments from mainline pipes (which enhances water quality);
- Verifying the proper operation of fire hydrants and valves;
- Helping find weaknesses in the water system;
- Checking for closed valves and weak flows in the water mains; and
- Verifying ample water flow for fire fighting.

Information about the days the fire hydrants will be flushed appears in the Rockdale Reporter and on the city's website.

### Hints During Fire Hydrant Flushing Days

- There may be a temporary drop in water pressure at this time;
- Water may be rusty or cloudy, discolored water is not harmful and will clear up in a few hours;
- Fill a bottle with water and store it in the refrigerator to use for drinking or cooking;
- Flush you hot water tanks after the cold water clears; and
- Do not wash white laundry during this period (wait until cold and hot water are clear before laundering whites)