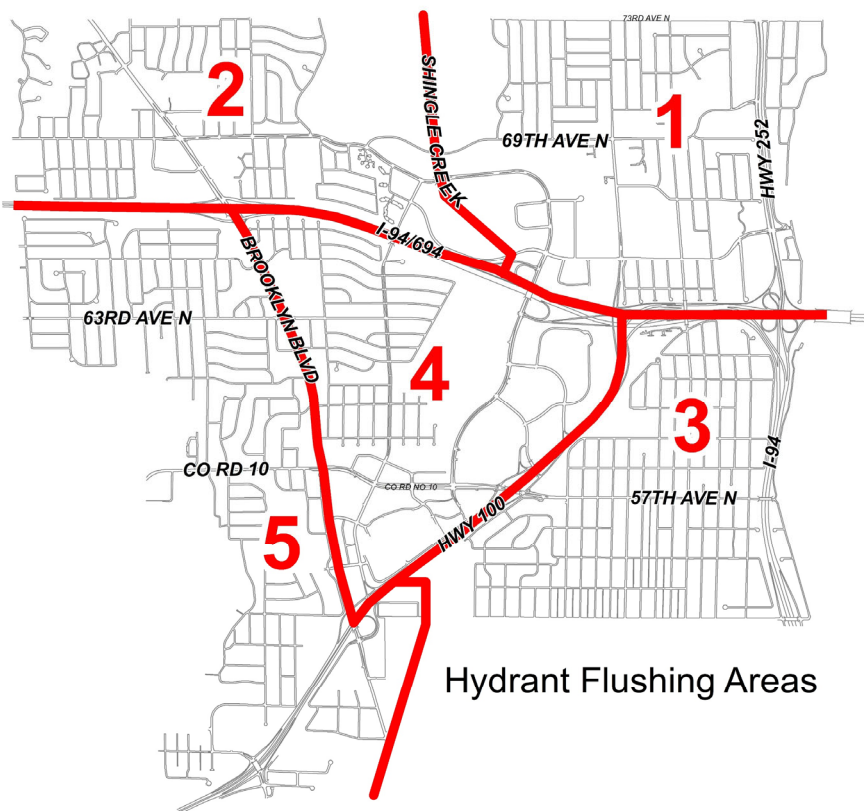


HYDRANT FLUSHING

In order to limit the demand on the water treatment plant, the Brooklyn Center Utility Department will once again be scheduling hydrant flushing for overnights this year. Utility crews will be flushing water lines beginning **Sunday, April 28, 2024 (weather dependent)** and running subsequent areas each night ending the morning of **Friday, May 3, 2024**. The process is scheduled to occur for five consecutive evenings beginning at 9:00 p.m. and continuing until approximately 7:00 a.m.*

Due to the nature of hydrant-flushing, the number of hours per day or the number of consecutive days needed to complete the flush are subject to change. However, City staff will do their best to adhere to the schedule as posted.

Please note that flushing may loosen rust or manganese in pipes that could stain laundry. Residents are encouraged to check their water before doing laundry and to delay doing laundry, especially whites, until the process is completed in their area (see map).



SCHEDULED START

AREA 1 – APRIL 28
AREA 2 – APRIL 29
AREA 3 – MAY 1
AREA 4 – MAY 2
AREA 5 – MAY 3

Please be aware when this work is in progress and help keep our workers safe. When you see City crews operating hydrants throughout the community, proceed with caution.

WATER LINE FLUSHING (In Your Own Home or Business)

Because flushing out the City's main lines in the street can stir up sediment in homes, residents are encouraged to perform their own "annual maintenance" after the crews have left the neighborhood. Here are some tips for your own household or business flush:

- If you have a softener, put it on bypass for the duration of the flush.
- Remove aerators and mounted filters from faucets.

- Start by completely turning on both outside faucets (be sure to run hoses out away from the house to avoid any problems near the foundation) and follow with the laundry tub, kitchen sink and then bathtub.
- Run **cold water only** through each area on full for 15-20 minutes or until water runs clear of rust or manganese (grey or blackish sediment).
- Replace aerators on faucets and take softener off bypass.
- *Other recommended routine maintenance:* Perform a hot water heater flush. Check all water hoses leading to sinks, washing machines, or dishwashers for leaks, rust and corrosion and repair/replace as necessary. Remove toilet tank lids and check rubber flapper for leaks or damage.