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### *Hydrant Flow Testing and Flushing*

ROCKFORD – The Rockford Fire Department and the Rockford Water Division will be testing and flushing the City’s water supply beginning the week of April 4 and continuing until the end of October.

The Fire Department will be flow testing fire hydrants. The purpose of the testing is to determine the amount of available water from a hydrant if the hydrant were to be needed for a fire incident and to identify needed hydrant maintenance. During each 5 week period of the testing schedule, one company on the east side of the river and one company on the west side of the river will be conducting flow tests in either the morning or afternoon. These companies will be in-service and available for emergency incidents.

The Water Division will be flushing water mains to improve water quality and prevent discolored tap water. Flushing will be conducted daily, Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The areas being flushed will change every week or two. During flushing, some customers may experience a temporary drop in water pressure or some discoloration of their water. These disturbances should subside within a few hours after the flushing is complete.

During both of these operations, traffic may be affected due to water flowing into streets. Residents will be notified via the Non-Emergency Notification System when testing or flushing will be occurring in their area. For more information or to sign-up for the notification system, visit the Water Division homepage at [www.rockfordil.gov](http://www.rockfordil.gov)

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