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Public Notice

Fire Hydrant Inspection & Maintenance June 2nd – August 31st

The Kennett Board of Public Works will begin its annual fire hydrant inspection, maintenance and flushing program on June 2nd and will continue through August 31st. Inspection, maintenance, and testing hours will be Monday–Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be no work performed on Fridays or weekends. All fire hydrants will be inspected within the City of Kennett. Due to the complexity of this project and the size of our water system it is very difficult to determine which day the testing will be conducted in a specific area.

The inspection, maintenance and flushing of fire hydrants is required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Insurance Service Office (ISO). Water quality & safety is our primary reason for the flushing program. Flushing hydrants will also meet ISO requirements to help lower fire insurance costs. Hydrant flushing provides your local fire department with the knowledge base needed for general water volumes available, firefighting operations and whether there are any major flow changes. Hydrant maintenance is critical to fire suppression and the protection of life and property.

How may this process affect you?

You may notice a drop in water pressure during testing and the water may also become slightly discolored after testing. If you experience discolored water, you may wish to run water from one or more faucets for a couple of minutes until the water is clear again and you may wish to do so prior to cooking, bathing, or washing laundry. The discolored water is nonhazardous but can stain clothing. If your water does not clear within 24 hours, please contact KBPW, 573-888-5366. You can also visit our web page at kbpw.net/water-treatment/ for additional information on discolored water.

The Kennett Board of Public Works would like to thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and patience with us during this operation, as we are working to maintain the level of water quality and fire safety that you deserve and expect.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact KBPW at 573-888-5366.