



# Town of Bernalillo **FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

The Town of Bernalillo Fire Department will be testing and flushing fire hydrants during the coming months.

Testing and flushing the fire hydrants is a normal preventive maintenance procedure to test the system for fire flows. This program will ensure the Town of Bernalillo Fire Department's ability to provide fire protection service and to ensure that all hydrants on the system are in good working condition.

Town Fire Department personnel will be flushing fire hydrants from February 5, 2016 to March 8, 2016. The Town of Bernalillo will post testing locations on the Town's Facebook page and tweet locations shortly before commencing testing. Some areas may experience discolored or cloudy water during this time but this will only be temporary. Refrain from doing laundry when flushing happens in your area and afterwards let the water run for a few minutes if discolored.

For any questions, please contact the Town of Bernalillo at 505-867-3311, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Question:** Is flushing a health hazard?

**Answer:** Flushing is not a health hazard. The temporary discoloration of the water is an unavoidable effect of flushing with an aesthetic value only

**Question:** What should I do if my water is discolored?

**Answer:** If the water is discolored, let the cold water run for a few minutes to clear the water line. Many homes have an outside spigot which generally is your first cold water tap. Starting with this tap first will produce quicker results to the rest of your cold water taps

**Question:** Should I do laundry when the flushing crew is working in my area?

**Answer:** Town of Bernalillo water system customers should refrain from doing laundry during flushing operations