



## Water Line Flushing On Tap For Mid March

City Water Team Preforms Main Line & Fire Hydrants Testing & Maintenance

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO March 12, 2026** The city's water team will open the valve early on its annual controlled flushing of the main water line and fire hydrant network starting as soon as Wednesday, March 18, and work will flow through the spring.

“Our team maintains the water mains, fire hydrants, and valves that deliver fire protection and safe drinking water to homes and businesses throughout the community,” said Distribution & Collection System Manager Michelle Carr. “While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it’s an ongoing effort that helps ensure the city’s water system remains reliable and ready to serve our community every day.”

System flushing is necessary to remove sediment that naturally settles in pipes over time and especially during low flow periods. In addition, the program allows every fire hydrant (600+) to be serviced and tested to ensure it’s in proper working condition.

During the annual testing and service, residents may experience discolored water and fluctuating water pressures. Water should clear up quickly, and residents can run cold water from a bathtub for 10 to 15 minutes to help clear the water. However unlikely, if water doesn’t clear up, turn off tub faucet, and wait 30 to 60 minutes before attempting to clear the line again.



“The flushing process is designed to keep water quality at top levels and ensure that fire hydrants are operational,” continued Carr. “This annual maintenance is an important step in supporting the overall performance of the system and helping extend the lifespan of critical infrastructure that our community relies on every day.”

Every drop counts so please conserve water at every opportunity. Practice indoor/outdoor water conservation to save water, refrain from washing vehicles & hosing sidewalks, siding, and driveways; and limit water use & conserve where you can!

Residents may contact the Water & Utilities Department at 970-871-6303 or reach out directly to Distribution & Collection System Manager, Michelle Carr, or Distribution & Collection Supervisor, Brian Morse. Water & Utilities information is also available at [steamboatsprings.net/water](https://steamboatsprings.net/water).

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