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NEWS RELEASE

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Hydrant Flushing Begins

The City of Lake Forest Water/Sewer staff will flush the City's fire hydrants to remove accumulated sediment build-up. This will improve water flow and quality throughout the water main system. The schedule is as follows:

April 16 – April 20	East of Western Avenue from the north City limits to Westleigh Rd., including Villa Turicum.
April 23 – April 27	Between Western Avenue (including Western Avenue) and Rt. 41 from the north City limits to Old Elm Rd.
April 30 – May 4	West of Rt. 41 from the north City limits to Rt. 60
May 7 – May 11	West of Rt. 41 from Rt. 60 to Everett Rd.
May 14 – May 18	South of Everett Rd. to south City limits west of Rt. 41***

***In this area we will be doing directional flushing where sections of water main will be isolated to maximize flushing. Residents will be notified 24 hours in advance of any water outages in this area.

If delays occur and changes need to be made to the schedule above, the revised dates will be posted on the City's website.

You may experience lower than normal water pressure and a short period of water discoloration during flushing and shortly thereafter. Though the water may be discolored, it is safe to drink. However, until the water runs clear, it is advisable to avoid washing clothes, especially white fabrics. If any rust stains appear on your wet laundry, **do not dry your clothes**. Please call the Water/Sewer Section at 847.810.3571 or 847.810.3570, and arrangements will be made to resolve the situation.

Once the hydrants in your neighborhood have been flushed, you should run **cold** water either from your basement's utility sink or from a hose outside. This will flush any rusty water out of your water service line. **Never** run warm or hot water immediately after a hydrant has been flushed, as this could lead to sediment getting into your hot water heater.

If you need additional information, please call the numbers above during regular business hours.

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