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City of Bastrop to Conduct to Start Water & Wastewater Flushing Program

Bastrop, Texas, The City of Bastrop will begin its water flushing program on Thursday, October 26th. Water flushing is a routine process of cleaning the piping of the distribution system. “Flushing improves the overall quality of water in the distribution system and assists in overall system maintenance,” said Curtis Hancock, Water & Wastewater Superintendent. The systematic and controlled flushing program will remove sediments and stale water to help maintain chlorine residuals throughout the City’s system. Water mains are designed to handle fire flow, which may be several times larger than domestic or commercial water flows. “This is routine maintenance and does not mean that the City’s drinking water supply isn’t safe,” said Hancock.

The flushing program will take place from Mesquite to Jasper and East of the Colorado River to Highway 95. A three-man crew will perform the maintenance work from 10 p.m. until 6 p.m. on October 26th, November 9th, November 30th, December 14th, December 21st 2017 and will continue on into 2018 on January 11th, January 45th and February 15th.

“Flushing the pipes is the most effective way to keep our drinking water safe, clean and pleasant tasting,” said Hancock. City crews will keep careful records of the amount of water that is being flushed to ensure appropriate tracking and conservation. Customers may experience some disturbance in their usual water service such as a short-term decrease in the water pressure or a change in color. “If you notice a change in your water color run the system until it returns to normal prior to washing clothes or drinking,” said Hancock. Customers who experience this may contact the City of Bastrop Water Department at 512-332-8960.

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