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News Release

Annual hydrant flushing program to begin soon in Sections 1, 2

181 hydrants south of Washington Avenue affected, south to Arkansas River

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (May 23, 2017) — The City of Arkansas City is continuing its annual fire hydrant flushing program, with work proceeding all across southern Arkansas City starting next week.

The Environmental Services Division will begin flushing Sections 1 and 2 — which contain a total of 181 fire hydrants along and south of Washington Avenue, east to the U.S. 77 bypass, south to Lincoln Avenue, southeast to include Sleeth Addition and west to the City limits — at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The only area to be excluded is Section 3, which encompasses the South Summit Street corridor from Jefferson to Lincoln avenues, between A and First streets.

Flushing will continue in Sections 1 and 2 for several days. All flushing will be conducted between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays only.

Water customers in this area might experience temporary discoloration or low water pressure during this fire hydrant flushing program.

Most discoloration can be corrected by flushing a faucet for a few minutes, but if flushing does not correct the problem or if you continue to notice a pressure loss, call (620) 441-4480 or (620) 441-4492.

The Public Works Department advises that you do not wash laundry if your water is discolored because that can stain the items.

If laundry does become stained, please leave the items wet, call one of the numbers above and a detergent designed to remove the stains will be delivered to your address.

"Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this annual fire hydrant flushing program," said Public Works Director Eric Broce.

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