

# NOTICE

## Watermain flushing SPRING 2024



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With 100% groundwater as the County's drinking water source, mineral build-up in the water distribution system is common.

Regular watermain flushing helps maintain drinking water quality by removing build-up and mineral deposits in the distribution system. This is done by forcing water through watermains at high speed and discharging it through hydrants and blow-offs. The fast moving water washes away any sediment.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### Flushing can cause discoloured water.

Discoloured water following watermain flushing is not uncommon and is only temporary. This is an aesthetic characteristic of the water, and not a health concern.

We recommend waiting until your water runs clear before using it.

#### Please contact Oxford County if:

- Your water does not run clear after two hours
- You have low water pressure or no water after watermain flushing

### STEPS TO PREPARE

#### BEFORE

- Set aside tap water for drinking, cooking, and other household uses
- Complete tasks that use tap water in advance (i.e., cleaning, showering, laundry)

#### DURING

- Avoid using water to prevent drawing discoloured water into your pipes

#### AFTER

- If you experience discoloured water, run cold water for 10 minutes until the water runs clear. This could be done from an outside tap or laundry faucet **if not connected to a water softener or filter.**

#### TIP

You can use your garden hose to water your lawn or garden while completing this step!

- Resume normal use



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COMMUNITY	FLUSHING DATES	TIME
Plattsville	April 2 – April 5	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Embro	April 2	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bright	April 3	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mount Elgin	April 4	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Beachville	April 5	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Norwich	April 8 – April 12	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tavistock	April 7 – April 12	April 7 – 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. April 8-12 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Otterville and Springford	April 15 – April 19	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thamesford	April 15 – April 18	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Drumbo and Princeton	April 22 – April 26	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Lakeside	April 22	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Innerkip	April 23 – April 26	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Ingersoll (South of King St., including King St.)	April 29 – May 3	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Ingersoll (North of King St.)	May 6 – May 10	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Dereham Centre	May 13	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hickson	May 13	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sweaburg	May 26 – May 30	10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Please see reverse for information about preparing for watermain flushing in your home.

