

Maiden Fire Department has begun its annual Spring/Summer Fire Hydrant Testing.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing is required for municipalities to perform Twice per year by the Department of Insurance. Flushing hydrants help to lower the Town's fire protection rating which in turn lowers your property insurance premiums. Flushing also helps to clean sediments and other deposits out of the water system that build up over time.



What to Expect While Flushing

The fire department flushes hydrants with a crew of firefighters on a fire truck. This is done so that the crew is ready to respond immediately if they receive an emergency call. When a hydrant is flushed large amounts of water are flowing through the water lines this causes any sediment that has settled on the bottom of pipes to break free. Crews allow water to flow out of the lines until the water becomes clean and clear. You may notice your water become a rust color when you first use it after flushing has occurred. Don't be alarmed. Allow your water to flow for a few minutes and it should clear right up.

Hydrant Maintenance

Each year the Town of Maiden Fire Department works to reduce the number of inoperable hydrants through:

- Flushing
- Pressure Testing
- Lubrication
- Repairs
- Replacements

Hydrant Color Code

After hydrants are painted the fire department sends crews out to add an additional color coded numbered band on each hydrant to identify that hydrant. The band color represents the GPM's (gallons per minute) the hydrant flows. The colors are as follows.

Red- 0-499 GPM

Orange- 500-999 GPM

Green- 1000-1499 GPM

Blue- 1500+ GPM

If there are any questions regarding this activity?

Please feel free to contact Chief Caldwell @ 828-428-5028