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DEP Announces Hydrant Flushing Program in Areas of Southeast Queens

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced today that it will begin a water distribution maintenance program that will take place for a period of several weeks from Monday, August 8 to Saturday, August 20 in southeast Queens.

Hydrants within the boundaries of Springfield Boulevard on the west, Laurelton Parkway on the east, North Conduit Avenue on the south and 120th Avenue on the north will be included in the flushing program. DEP will, weather permitting, activate the flushing operation between the hours of 6 pm and midnight in order to create as little disruption as possible. DEP has notified community boards, hospitals, schools and other institutions in the area about this activity

The flushing program is part of DEP's regularly scheduled maintenance program. It is possible that during the operation residences and businesses located in or near the boundaries may experience discolored water and/or low pressure at various times. Running the faucets should clear up any discoloration within a short period of time.

The locations to be included in the maintenance work are as follows:

- along 141st Ave. between Springfield Blvd. and Laurelton Pkwy.
- along 138th Ave. between Springfield Blvd. and Laurelton Pkwy.
- along Merrick Blvd. between Springfield Blvd. and Laurelton Pkwy.
- along 130th Ave between Springfield Blvd. and Laurelton Pkwv.
- along 120th Ave between Springfield Blvd. and Laurelton Pkwy.

For further information, call the New York City Citizens Service line at 311.

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