

# NOTICE OF UPCOMING WORK

September 30, 2016

## SPU will be flushing water mains in your neighborhood

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### PROJECT / DESCRIPTION:

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will be operating fire hydrants and flushing water mains in your neighborhood. SPU is performing this work to help maintain water quality and reduce the occurrence of discolored water that some West Seattle customers have been experiencing. Flushing won't eliminate discolored water, but it will help decrease it.

**What do customers need to do?** Residents and businesses do not need to take any action to prepare for this work. Customers will be able to use their water as usual.

**SCHEDULE:** Beginning October 9, crews will work at night, Sunday through Thursday, from 10 pm until 5 am. Flushing will occur over the next 4 to 6 weeks.

**LOCATION:** Work will occur at some fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Signs will be posted in advance at hydrants where crews will be flushing. **See the map on the back of this notice that shows the area in purple that will be flushed.**

### PROJECT IMPACTS:

- **Temporary discolored water:** When crews are flushing nearby, customers will experience discolored water, which should clear quickly once crews are done flushing the water main. Running the cold water for a few minutes can also help clear the discoloration.
- **Reduction in water pressure:** Customers may notice a slight reduction in their water pressure while crews are flushing. Water pressure will return to normal when the flushing is complete.
- **Possible water shutdowns:** We do not anticipate needing to shut down water. However, if a water shutdown is required, impacted customers will be notified at least 48 hours in advance with a door hanger from SPU containing details.
- **Noise:** There will be some noise from small trucks, equipment and the fire hydrants that are being used to discharge water. Crews will work to minimize noise as much as possible.
- **Restricted parking:** Some street parking near storm drains may be restricted. "No Park" signs will be placed in advance to indicate where parking will be restricted.
- **Traffic impacts:** Temporary road closures and detours may be needed.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Website: [www.seattle.gov/util/westseattleflush](http://www.seattle.gov/util/westseattleflush) Email: [water.quality@seattle.gov](mailto:water.quality@seattle.gov)
- Call our Project Manager, Paige Igoe, at (206) 684-9233.
- If you experience discolored water that doesn't clear on its own or to report any other water quality issue, contact SPU's 24-hour emergency line at 206-386-1800.