Why are we flushing?
Water mains are sized to allow adequate and safe flows for fire protection. Water typically is moving through the underground pipes at less than two miles per hour. This slow movement allows mineral deposits to build up and accumulate in pipes over time. The buildup can restrict water flow in the pipes and contributes to corrosion and water color problems. Periodic flushing of water pipes removes the mineral deposits which helps maintain our Township’s infrastructure and assures consistent high quality water. It also verifies proper operation of the hydrant if it is needed during a fire.

Is flushing a waste of water?
No! The amount and cost of water used in flushing is a small price to pay compared to benefits of assuring the quality of your water and maintaining our infrastructure.

How will I be affected?
You probably will not even be aware that flushing is taking place in your neighborhood. Flushing will be conducted between 7:30 am and 3:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. All hydrants will be opened for flushing. Customers in that area may experience discolored water or a small drop in water pressure.

What do I do if I am experiencing discolored water?
Should a reddish, yellow or brown tint appear in the water, do not be alarmed. It is recommended to let the cold water run for a few minutes until it clears before doing laundry. The Water Department has a limited supply of rust removing compound which can be used to rewash any laundry that may become stained. If the water does not clear or normal water pressure does not return within a few hours, please notify the Water Department.