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## **Hollywood Begins Annual Water Line Flushing Program Water Remains Safe to Drink**

**HOLLYWOOD, FL** – The City of Hollywood Department of Public Utilities began its annual water line flushing program on July 15, 2018. Flushing will continue across the City through Saturday, August 4, 2018. The annual water line flushing program is used to help rid the water distribution pipelines of any naturally occurring accumulated sediments.

Flushing will take place Sunday through Friday during the day and evening hours. The program will be conducted in one section of the City at a time, starting at Park Road heading west through the City to University Drive and then from Park Road east through the City to the beach. The hydrant flushing may temporarily cause cloudy or discolored water, which should settle and clear a few hours after flushing. The cloudiness is due to the sediments in the pipeline and is not harmful or hazardous.

During the water line flushing period, the Water Treatment Plant will temporarily change its method of disinfection from chloramines to free chlorine. Residents may notice a change in the look, taste or smell of the water during this time.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Owners and managers of businesses with fish and shellfish holding tanks and users of kidney dialysis machines are advised that regular methods for testing and removing chloramines will not be effective during the flushing period. It will be necessary to test and adjust for free chlorine.

Should utility customers have any questions, please contact Public Utilities Manager, Carlos Aguilera at the Water Treatment Plant at 954-967-4230.

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