

# NOTICE

## Watermain flushing FALL 2024



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With 100% groundwater as Oxford County's drinking water source, mineral build-up in the water distribution system is common.

Regular watermain flushing helps maintain drinking water quality by removing build-up and mineral deposits in the distribution system. This is done by forcing water through watermains at high speed and discharging it through hydrants and blow-offs. The fast moving water washes away any sediment.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### Flushing can cause discoloured water.

Discoloured water following watermain flushing is not uncommon and is only temporary. This is an aesthetic characteristic of the water, and not a health concern.

We recommend waiting until your water runs clear before using it.

#### Please contact Oxford County if:

- Your water does not run clear after two hours
- You have low water pressure or no water after watermain flushing

### STEPS TO PREPARE

#### BEFORE

- Set aside tap water for drinking, cooking, and other household uses
- Complete tasks that use tap water in advance (i.e., cleaning, showering, laundry)

#### DURING

- Avoid using water to prevent drawing discoloured water into your pipes

#### AFTER

- If you experience discoloured water, run cold water for 10 minutes until the water runs clear. This could be done from an outside tap or laundry faucet **if not connected to a water softener or filter.**

#### TIP

You can use your garden hose to water your lawn or garden while completing this step!

- Resume normal use



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COMMUNITY	FLUSHING DATES	TIME
Otterville and Springford	October 1 – October 4	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thamesford	October 1 – October 4	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Drumbo and Princeton	October 7 – October 11	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Norwich	October 7 – October 11	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Innerkip	October 15 – October 18	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Embro	October 15	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bright	October 16	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Beachville	October 17	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hickson and Dereham Centre	October 18	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Ingersoll (South of King St., including King St.)	October 21 – October 25	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Ingersoll (North of King St.)	October 28 – November 1	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Tavistock	November 4 – November 8	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Lakeside	November 4	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Brownsville	November 5	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mount Elgin	November 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sweaburg	November 7	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please see reverse for information about preparing for watermain flushing in your home.

