

For immediate release

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City Of Decatur Fire Hydrants To Be Flushed

DECATUR - Decatur Fire Department crews, in collaboration with the Decatur Water Department, will be flushing and flow testing approximately 1200 city fire hydrants during the month of April. This process will occur Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is necessary to keep the city's nearly 4500 fire hydrants ready for use. Fire crews will be checking for operational deficiencies, lubricating discharge outlets and recording flow data, which provides essential information for calculating the water available to support fire suppression tactics.

Temporary discoloration of water may occur in areas where hydrants are being tested. No safety or health issues are associated with the discolored water, but residents should ensure the water is clear before doing laundry, as clothing could be stained. Residents should not bleach or dry stained clothing, as this will set the stain permanently. Stains may be removed by rewashing the wet clothing with a rust-removing compound.

A map of the areas being tested is available on the City of Decatur's website and the Decatur Fire Department's Facebook page. The Decatur Fire and Water Departments appreciate the public's cooperation during this process. Please contact the Decatur Fire Department at 217-424-2811 for more information.