

2009 Fire Hydrant Winterization Program

The Township of Plymouth DPW will begin its annual inspection and flushing of over 2,000 fire hydrants on 9/1/2009. The procedure involves a DPW employee completing an inspection of the internal workings of each fire hydrant. In addition, the crews will provide some routine annual maintenance on each hydrant. The Township will also “flush” or run each fire hydrant to insure that it will operate properly during an emergency.

Township residents should be advised that as crews flush hydrants there may be some discoloration of the water. If you experience “rust colored” water simply run the cold water tap for a few minutes to let the water clear. Please keep in mind, not to wash any light colored clothing until the water is running clear. The rust coloring is caused by a natural build up of minerals in the water system. Some natural mineral deposits are stirred up in the water pipes when fire hydrants are first turned on. Again, simply run the cold water tap for a few minutes to clear the “rust coloring” from the water supply.

The fire hydrant inspection program helps insure that all our fire hydrants are ready in the event of an emergency. If you have any questions about the program please call the DPW at 734-354-3270 ext. 3.