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PRESS RELEASE

WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING PROGRAM FACT SHEET

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WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING PROGRAM

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD) will be implementing the 2019 Water System Flushing Program intended to maintain high quality water throughout the entire service area. The flushing program will begin on **March 12, 2019**, and is expected to be conducted between March and April. During this program, crews will flush water out of the system through fire hydrants and blow off pipes. The intent of flushing is to scour the insides of the distribution piping, helping to clean out any biofilms, sediment or scale that may be present.

RESIDENT EXPECTATION/ACTIONS DURING FLUSHING ACTIVITIES

- Flushing may result in some temporary discoloration, low pressure and the presence of some sediment in your water.
- We suggest that you not use water during the flushing operations.
- If you notice discoloration or sediment in your water, it may be necessary to flush your house by running a cold water tap for a few minutes until water clears.
- Flushing area will be posted daily on the GDPUD website (www.gd-pud.org) and Facebook page, (<http://www.facebook.com/gdpud>), beginning **March 12, 2019**.

WHY IS FLUSHING IMPORTANT

Bacteria Control – Biofilm growth in drinking water systems can occur when an area becomes stagnant

Taste & Odor Control – Flushing removes many deposits, sediment and other materials that can affect taste and odor.

Corrosion Control – Flushing introduces higher than normal water velocities that scour the inside of water lines and, thus, reduces corrosion.

Fire Hydrant & Valve Exercising – Operating fire hydrants and valves help ensure that they will work properly in an emergency.

QUESTIONS

Water System Flushing Program – FAQ can be found on the Districts website at <https://www.gd-pud.org/water-system-flushing-program-faq>. For more information please contact Adam Brown, Water Resources Manager, at (530) 333-4356 for additional information. To learn more about the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, please go to www.gd-pud.org.