

Lake Lure Fire Department Conducts Testing of Area Hydrants

The Fire Department is in the process of conducting its annual testing and maintenance on area fire hydrants this week. Citizens on the town water system may experience some dingy water for a short period of time during this procedure. However, it should clear up fairly quickly.

This annual testing is performed for the following reasons:

- It improves water quality. During the year accumulated sediment can build up inside the water pipes as the water slowly moves through the lines. Opening fire hydrants moves the water through the lines much quicker, thus taking many of these deposited particles out of the system through the fire hydrant.
- It increases water flow. By removing the built up sediment on the inside of the pipes this allows more water to flow through the pipes to residences. If this is not done it could significantly decrease water flow and the life of service from a water line.
- It can help improve water taste in some cases
- It pulls the freshest water into all parts of the water system
- It ensures the hydrants are working properly and if problems are found they can be corrected
- Flowing hydrants annually helps maintain the Fire Department' Insurance rating which helps maintain insurance rates from increasing
- Fire Department can identify how much water is available for fire suppression in each area

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