

The Borough of Berlin's Water Department will begin the spring flushing of fire hydrants which should last from now until the end of April.

When hydrants are being flushed, they say it is possible that you may experience a slight discoloration in your water. It is normal to have this discoloration and is not harmful to you. If you experience discoloration of your water, please allow the cold water to clear prior to use. Additionally, they have asked that you refrain from using your washing machine during this time.

Many residents have asked, why do the fire hydrants need to be flushed? There are a few reasons. One, sediment builds up in the water lines and inside the hydrants, so they need to be flushed to remove the sediment. Second, if the water department did any maintenance or repairs on the system, they would need to be flushed to remove any debris that got into the pipes during the repair. And third, and most important, fire hydrants need to be tested to find out what their flow capacity is for firefighting purposes. In commercial and residential areas, we need to know if there is enough water available to extinguish a fire. This also lets us know if there are any faulty or shut off hydrants so that they can be repaired or replaced.

We apologize for any inconvenience that you may experience and thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. For more information, you may call the Borough of Berlin at (856) 767-7777x 316 or visit the website at [www.berlinnj.org](http://www.berlinnj.org), scroll down and click on Hydrant Flushing.

Locations of hydrant flushing is based on your trash route. Mondays trash route hydrants will be flushed April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Tuesdays trash route hydrants will be flushed April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Wednesdays trash route will be flushed April 12<sup>th</sup>, -14<sup>th</sup>. Thursdays trash route will be flushed April 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, hydrants on Cooper Road and Route 73 in Berlin Township are scheduled to begin being flushed Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep in mind, that when these major hydrants are flushed, side streets may be affected.