



**CITY OF THE DALLES**  
Department of Public Works  
1215 West First Street  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** February 13, 2012

**TOPIC:** FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

**CONTACT:** Public Works Department 296-5401

**FOR RELEASE:** IMMEDIATELY

The City of The Dalles Public Works Department will be flushing fire hydrants over the next few weeks, starting at the top of the system and working down.

Fire hydrants are flushed in order to:

- Clean out deposits, sediments and rust from our distribution pipelines;
- Help minimize water quality problems;
- Test fire protection water pressures;
- Exercise hydrant valves; and
- Identify hydrants needing repair or replacement.

Motorists and pedestrians should avoid driving or walking through the water coming directly from a hydrant while it is being flushed. If it is not possible to avoid the area, please proceed with caution. Flushing will not be done during freezing temperatures.

Occasionally hydrant flushing causes some water discoloration or cloudy appearance within the water system. If this condition occurs, the Public Works Department recommends letting the water run for several minutes until clear. If the water does not clear, please contact the City Public Works office at 296-5401, Extension 2001.