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TOPIC: Waterline flushing schedule for Ocean Pines and surrounding area water systems
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Waterline flushing schedule for Ocean Pines and surrounding area water systems

The Water and Wastewater Division of Public Works will begin its semi-annual program for flushing waterlines in the Ocean Pines Service Area between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The following proposed Fall 2026 dates for the flushing of the waterlines are subject to change.

- October 14 – River Run
- October 26 – Pennington Commons Area
- October 30 – Bay Point Plantations
- October 13 thru October 29 – Ocean Pines Sections 1-19 (For more information, see the sectional chart below or visit https://www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/OP_Sections.pdf)

Section	Start Date	Section	Start Date
3	10/13/2026	14B	10/21/2026
7	10/13/2026	14C	10/21/2026
6	10/14/2026	14D	10/22/2026
8	10/14/2026	9	10/23/2026
2	10/15/2026	11	10/23/2026
5	10/15/2026	16	10/26/2026
1	10/15/2026	10A	10/26/2026
4	10/16/2026	10	10/27/2026
19	10/16/2026	15A	10/28/2026
18	10/19/2026	15B	10/28/2026
12	10/19/2026	17	10/29/2026
13	10/20/2026		
14A	10/20/2026		

Routine flushing of the water system helps to reduce the frequency of discolored water. Public Works crews open and close the hydrants, flushing out the built-up iron deposits. Sometimes, this can lead to temporary increases in suspended iron, which should settle out within a few hours of the flushing.

Please be aware that, even on dates the water lines in your section are not being flushed, it is still possible to experience discolored water. If area residents notice that their water becomes cloudy during these times, please allow the water to run for a few minutes until it becomes clear. For more information, please call the Water and Wastewater Division at (410) 641-5251.