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Flow Testing Planned for Drinking Water System

(Oshkosh, WI.) The Utility Division of the Department of Public Works will be conducting hydrant flow testing on October 18th through October 20th from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. This testing is being completed as part of a water distribution system planning study.

The flow testing is accomplished by opening up hydrants at 25 strategic locations and measuring water flow and pressure. The data collected during these tests will help build an accurate computer model that the city of Oshkosh can use to simulate various flow conditions. This computer model will aid in design of water mains needing replacement or extension and it will also aid in planning for the installation of future Water Utility related infrastructure.

No interruptions in water service are anticipated to occur as a result of this work. The Water Utility advises that customers may experience a drop in water pressure or some discoloration of their water when testing is being completed in their neighborhood.

These issues result from the movement of sediment in the pipe due to the sudden increase in water flow with the testing. While these sediments are not harmful, they may cause the water to discolor and possibly stain laundry. Customers experiencing discolored water should let their cold water run to clear before using it again. Residents should also refrain from doing laundry during that time. Any water discoloration or low pressure problems should last for only a short period of time.

The flow testing will be conducted by the city and its engineering consultant who will be working outside of Water Utility trucks labeled with the city of Oshkosh logo. All employees will also have photo identification badges.

You can find a list of the test locations at www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/Public_Works/water_utility.asp.

The Water Utility will post an update on the city website when the flow testing is complete. If you have any questions about this project, please contact the Water Utility offices at (920) 232-5325.

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