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Annual Fire Hydrant Testing and Flushing Begins May 1, 2017

Louisville, CO – The Louisville Public Works Department will begin annual water main flushing on Monday, May 1, 2017. Testing will be completed Monday through Friday until June 2nd. We will conduct this maintenance in two phases:

- Phase I will begin in the low zone from May 1st through May 17th. It includes the old part of town and extends to South Boulder Road to the north, State Highway 42 to the east, W. Dillon Road to the south, and the Goodhue Ditch to the west.
- Phase II will begin in the mild zone from May 19th through June 2nd. This phase will begin near W. Dillon Road and McCaslin Boulevard and continue north and east to the City limits.

Please visit the City's website at www.LouisvilleCO.Gov/HydrantFlush to view the map that highlights the areas in the City that will be flushed. Public Works staff has implemented unidirectional flushing (UDF) guidelines developed by the American Water Works Association. Among the benefits of following these guidelines is that it minimizes the potential of rust and sediment reaching the customer. The flushing operation scours and cleans rust and sediment from the water mains and may temporarily discolor the water in the area being flushed. The entire process will take approximately five weeks but should only affect each resident for the day we are in their neighborhood.

Residents should avoid washing clothes between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm when the crews are scheduled in the area. We encourage residents to wash clothes in the evening hours or during weekends, as the City will not flush during those time periods. If your water appears rusty, running a garden hose or sprinkler system for a few minutes will normally clear it up. If discoloration continues, please call the Public Works Operations Division at 303.335.4750. Thank you for your cooperation during this important maintenance process.

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