

NOTICE

Watermain flushing FALL 2026



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With 100% groundwater as Oxford County's drinking water source, mineral build-up in the water distribution system is common.

Regular watermain flushing helps maintain drinking water quality by removing build-up and mineral deposits in the distribution system. This is done by forcing water through watermains at high speed and discharging it through hydrants and blow-offs. The fast moving water washes away any sediment.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Flushing can cause discoloured water.

Discoloured water following watermain flushing is not uncommon and is only temporary. This is an aesthetic characteristic of the water, and not a health concern.

We recommend waiting until your water runs clear before using it.

Please contact Oxford County if:

- Your water does not run clear after repeated attempts
- You have low water pressure or no water after watermain flushing

STEPS TO PREPARE

BEFORE

- Set aside tap water for drinking, cooking, and other household uses
- Complete tasks that use tap water in advance (i.e., cleaning, showering, laundry)

DURING

- Avoid using water to prevent drawing discoloured water into your pipes

AFTER

- If you experience discoloured water, run cold water until the water runs clear. This could be done from an outside tap or laundry faucet **if not connected to a water softener or filter.**

TIP

You can use your garden hose to water your lawn or garden while completing this step!

- Resume normal use



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COMMUNITY	FLUSHING DATES	TIME
Drumbo and Princeton	September 16 – 18	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Lakeside	September 28	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mount Elgin	September 28 – 29	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Embro	September 29	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Brownsville	October 1	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Beachville	October 1	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Bright	October 2	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hickson and Dereham Centre	October 2	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Norwich	October 5 – 9	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tavistock	October 5 – 9	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Otterville and Springford	October 13 – 16	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thamesford	October 13 – 16	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Ingersoll (South of King St., including King St.)	October 19 – 23	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Ingersoll (North of King St.)	October 26 – 30	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Plattsville	November 2 – 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Innerkip	November 2 – 6	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sweaburg	November 9	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please see reverse for information about preparing for watermain flushing in your home.

