

**Village of Brown Deer Water Utility  
Press Release**

**2008 Water System Flushing**

**For more information, contact Water Utility at 414-371-3080**

**The Village of Brown Deer Water Utility is planning its annual flush of the water system starting Wednesday, June 25, 2008. This year's flush, the "Big Flush", will use a technique called Uni-directional flushing where system valves are operated along with the fire hydrants to produce a cleansing velocity inside the water mains.**

**The Big Flush will proceed from the water system supply points and move the water through the pipes to the extremities of the system. The goal is to remove any mineral sediments that builds up in the pipes, improve water quality, and to maintain the valves and hydrants in the system.**

**The flushing causes a temporary stirring of sediments. The day we are in your neighborhood, we suggest that you:**

- ◆ Refrain from doing the laundry because the sediments can damage your laundry and wash machine**
- ◆ Wait for the water to clear before using it for drinking or cooking**

**The days following our flush of the water mains is a good time for you to do a spring cleaning of your plumbing. We suggest letting water flush from all faucets for about 5 minutes while flushing toilets. You will also then want to remove faucet screens and clean any sediment that collects on the screens. While this may seem like a lot of water, it is a good practice to clean your plumbing. This high volume of water produces the velocity in the pipes to remove loose sediment buildup. The amount of water used for a 5 minute flush costs less than 15 cents.**

**There is no mandate to flush your plumbing. It is only suggested as good practice to remove sediments in your pipes and improve water quality.**

**This time of year you can tell when nice fresh water is coming through your plumbing by the water temperature. Since Lake Michigan water is still very nice and cold, you can feel the difference with your finger when water from the mains makes it through your plumbing to the end of the faucet. The simple finger test works well for about 9 - 10 months of the year. It doesn't always work so well in July – September when Lake Michigan warms up.**

**Watch for us starting June 17<sup>th</sup> and continuing for about 4 – 6 weeks. You can see us flushing fire hydrants in your neighborhood and tell us by the**

**Brown Deer Water Utility trucks that we drive. We will also post flushing signs along the entry roads to the neighborhood being flushed.**

**If you have any questions about what to do at your property, please feel free to contact the Village of Brown Deer Water Utility at 414-371-3080.**