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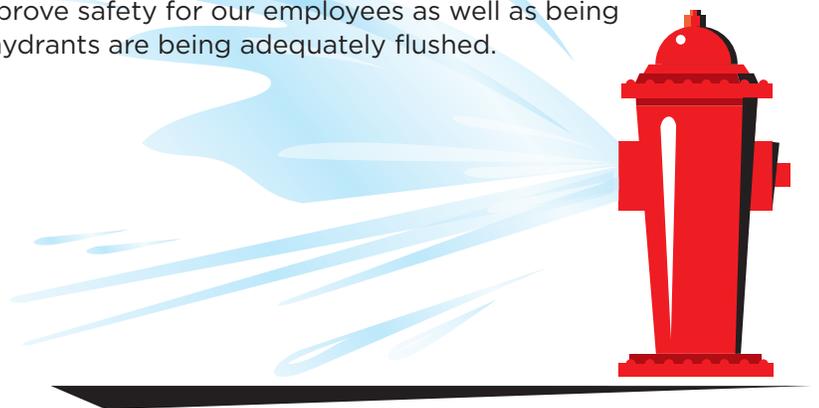
## Private Wells

Private water wells in the City of Wausau are required to be inspected, pass a bacteriological water test (to ensure that there is no coliform or e-coli bacteria present), and be permitted. Permits are good for a period of five years. Wells that are not operable or not up to code will be required to be repaired or abandoned. Wausau Water Works will be sending letters shortly to property owners who have a permit that will be expiring, or has an expired permit. As a private well is a source of cross contamination of our public water system, failure to obtain a permit or to abandon a faulty well could result in disconnection of your water service and/or fines. We will also be sending letters to property owners in areas where wells were known to exist at one time to verify if a well exists on the property. The Wisconsin DNR offers income dependent grants which could help cover the cost of abandonment. Wausau Water Works also offers a deferment plan to assist in the cost of well abandonment. If you have a private well or would like more information on well abandonment or the grant or deferment programs please contact our office at 715-261-7265. Home owners are responsible for the inspection and sampling costs. Current cost for a well permit is \$100.00.

## Annual Hydrant Flushing to Begin May 15th

Water utility employees will begin flushing fire hydrants at 7:30 a.m. on Monday morning, May 15, 2017, as part of our annual maintenance program. Flushing accomplishes two tasks; first, it cleans the mains of mineral buildup, and secondly, it ensures that all hydrants are in good operating order. Flushing will be performed during the daytime hours from 7:30 a.m. until about 3:00 p.m.

This process takes about three weeks to complete, during which time over 1600 hydrants will be flushed. All flushing is performed during daylight hours to improve safety for our employees as well as being able to ensure that hydrants are being adequately flushed.



## Deferment Plans Available

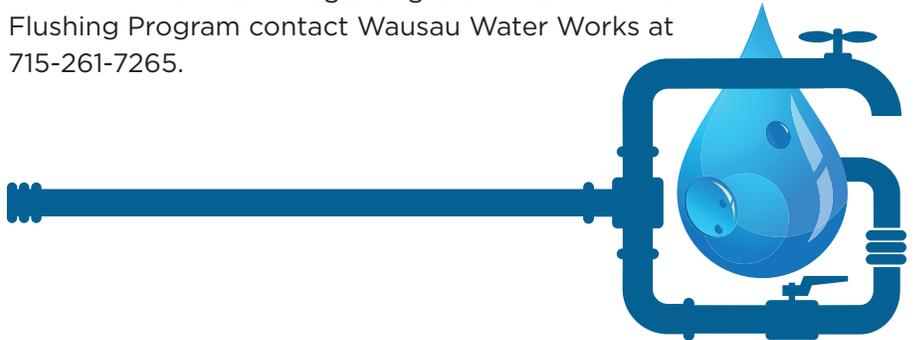
Wausau Water Works knows that sometimes it can be difficult to come up with the money to make repairs to leaking service lines, replace old lead service lines or abandon old wells. To assist homeowners, we have developed a deferment plan to assist with these types of expenses. The homeowner will need to sign an agreement with Wausau Water Works then the utility will pay the plumber (that the homeowner has hired) for the work that has been performed and defer the cost of repairs to be applied to the property taxes as a special assessment. More information on this deferment program may be obtained by calling 715-261-7265.

## Water Works to Implement Uni-Directional Flushing Program

To enhance water quality and help alleviate lead issues, the Utility will be resuming its Uni-Directional flushing program. The idea behind this type of flushing is to do a comprehensive flushing starting in a particular section of the city and working our way out to the far edges, flushing the water out through hydrants as we go. This systematic, high-velocity program removes settled particles and cleans underground water mains thereby enhancing the water quality.

Wausau Water Works will be sending postcards to residents as this specialized flushing is done in neighborhoods. You will be recommended not to run water while this flushing is taking place, nor should you do laundry, especially avoiding the use of bleach during this time.

For more information regarding the Uni-Directional Flushing Program contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-7265.



## Call Diggers Hotline Before You Dig

Construction projects such as installing decks, fences and tree planting are another sign of spring. Homeowners are reminded to contact Diggers Hotline before you dig by simply dialing 811 from any land line or cell phone. Or, you can place an online request at [www.diggershotline.com](http://www.diggershotline.com).

Homeowners are also reminded that they must allow 3 business days (not including the day the request is called in) for all their utilities to be located before they dig, and should plan their projects accordingly. There is no cost to the homeowner to contact Diggers Hotline, who will then inform all utilities with buried facilities, such as water, sewer, gas and electric utilities, telephone and cable companies of your intentions to dig in a specific area.

Water lines are marked in the street and up to the curb stop (shut off valve) which is typically located in the boulevard area. Water pipes beyond that point and into the house were installed privately and the utility does not have any record of where they are located.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

# Spring Watermain Flushing Schedule

Utility crews will flush watermains through the operation of hydrants during daytime hours from **7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** You may want to draw a supply of water prior to your area being flushed. Please be aware that adjacent neighborhoods to the area being flushed may experience dirty water for short periods of time.

**Avoid water use during the scheduled flush, especially for laundry purposes.** It is particularly important to NOT use bleach in your laundry as it may stain your clothing. It is also suggested that you bypass water softeners during this time. Please also be aware that some homeowners may experience very low pressure during the flushing process.

## Flushing Schedule

### West Side

**Monday, May 15** - West Wausau Avenue north to City limits

**Tuesday, May 16** - Wausau Avenue south to Bridge Street and Pinecrest area to Stettin Drive, west to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue and north to Hilltop Avenue.

**Wednesday May 17** - Oak Street south to Sherman Street

**Thursday, May 18** - Rosecrans Street south to City limits

### East Side

**Monday, May 22** - Steuben Street north to Sylvan Street; 6th Street to City limits (Evergreen Road), Riverview Court and Riverview Drive

**Tuesday, May 23** - Hamilton Street south to Forest Street

**Wednesday, May 24** - Kickbusch Street south to Town Line Road and Northwestern Avenue

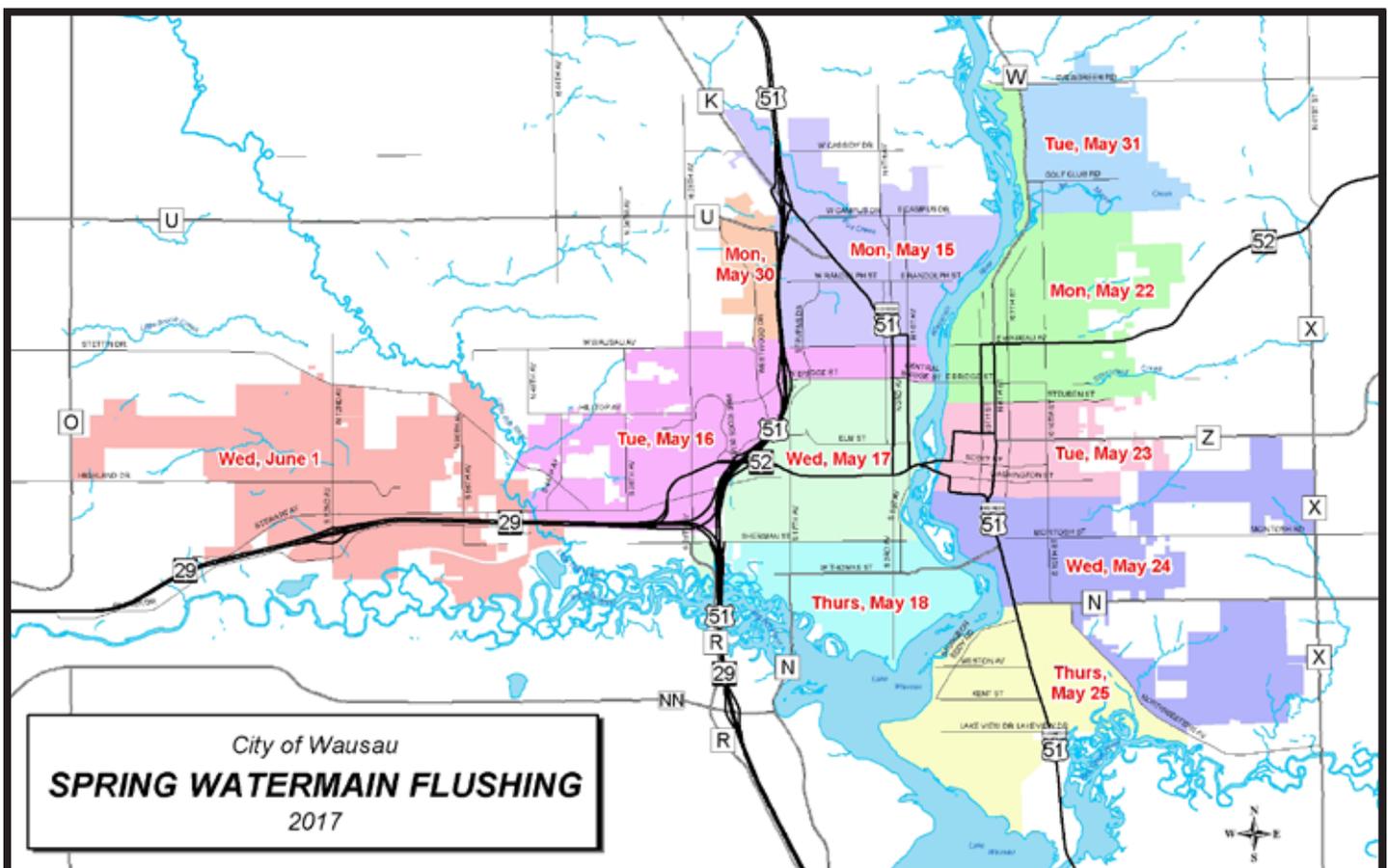
**Thursday, May 25** - Town Line Road south to City limits

### Other Areas

**Monday, May 30** - high pressure zone by 28th Avenue Reservoir, Highway U

**Tuesday, May 31** - Riverview area

**Wednesday, June 1** - 56th Avenue west to City limits



# City of Wausau Comprehensive Plan

The city's Comprehensive Plan has been updated and is able to view online at: [www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Planning/Plans/ComprehensivePlan.aspx](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Planning/Plans/ComprehensivePlan.aspx)

Comprehensive plans take a long-term view and set broad policies for improving communities in various ways. The goals identified in the City of Wausau Comprehensive Plan serve as an overall policy guide for the city. The goals from the current plan are:

- **Natural Resources Goal:** The City of Wausau will continue to protect and enhance the quality of significant natural resources.
- **Cultural Resources Goal:** The City of Wausau will continue to preserve historic sites and support cultural opportunities for community residents.
- **Housing Goal:** The City of Wausau will continue to offer equal access to quality, affordable housing.
- **Utilities and Community Facilities Goal:** The City of Wausau will

provide high quality utilities and community facilities to all residents in a cost-effective and cost-efficient manner.

- **Transportation Goal:** The City of Wausau will provide a safe and efficient transportation network that will facilitate the movement of people and goods throughout the community.
- **Economic Development Goal:** The City of Wausau has a diverse economy that is a place of opportunities where people and businesses can grow and be successful.
- **Downtown Goal:** The City of Wausau will continue to strengthen downtown Wausau as the heart of the City and surrounding region.
- **Land Use Goal:** The City of Wausau

will balance the land use needs of the community to maximize the land's potential.

- **Intergovernmental Cooperation Goal:** The City of Wausau will continue to strengthen and expand its cooperative activities with all levels of government to improve the provision of public services and facilities.

In addition to identifying overall goals, the Comprehensive Plan also contains objectives, action steps, and initiatives to help achieve the goals. A few of the initiatives identified in the plan are: an updated historical survey of the city; an inventory of properties for redevelopment; a community health assessment; a zoning code update; a pedestrian inventory and action plan; and continued redevelopment of downtown and riverfront properties.

## Metro Ride Detour

With the reconstruction of Thomas Street this summer, the City of Wausau Metro-Ride Route J will be detoured as outlined below:

