

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

OWOSSO WATER SYSTEM FLOW TESTS & FLUSHING

April 16 & 17

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 16th & 17th hydrant flow tests will be conducted at 25 locations throughout the City of Owosso water system for the Insurance Service Organization (ISO). Many of the flow tests will require rates greater than 2,000 gallons per minute. This will undoubtedly stir up rust deposits or mineral sediment in some of the water mains being tested, resulting in some temporary discoloration of water in the test areas. This is not a health concern, but can discolor clothes being washed. **We therefore advise residents to delay washing clothes on Wednesday or Thursday until late afternoon or evening and to assure that any discolored water is cleared before beginning the laundry.** We will be flushing water from the tested mains following the flow tests, but **you may need to let your water run for some time to clear any discolored water from your service line.** This may affect Township residents served by City water, but should not affect the City of Corunna residents.

The flow tests are part of a periodic assessment of our community “Public Protection Classification” rating by the ISO. The overall assessment evaluates: the system for handling fire alarms; the fire department equipment, manpower, training and response procedures; and the community water system’s ability to meet needed fire flow requirements for the variety of structures throughout the community. The ISO review results in a classification rating. The City currently is rated ISO Class 5 (Class 1 to 10 with 1 being the highest rating). Township areas with City fire hydrants, but volunteer fire department coverage, are generally rated ISO Class 7, and areas outside the range of City fire hydrants are rated ISO Class 9. The ISO rating is a factor used by insurance firms in pricing fire insurance coverage.

Your patience with the inconvenience inherent in this test process is appreciated. We apologize for the short notice, but the test schedule is determined by the ISO representative’s schedule and weather conditions. Please contact the City at 725-0599 for any questions or to follow-up on water quality concerns.

GARY BURK, UTILITIES DIRECTOR

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