



City of Onalaska Public Works Quarterly Newsletter

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Hydrant Flushing

Onalaska maintains over 1000 hydrants. The flushing of these hydrants has two purposes. By opening and flushing the water, we are creating a high velocity of water movement that helps clean out chemical and mineral deposits in the water mains. While the water is spraying out of the hydrant, Public Works is recording pressures and gallons per minute and taking samples of the effectiveness of our chlorine and fluoride that we inject into our system. Our other main purpose for flushing is to insure that each hydrant is functioning properly for fire protection purposes.

The fire hydrants are flushed in a pattern that proceeds out from the source of supply and scours large diameter mains first, then proceeds to smaller pipes that feed off the large lines.

If water is drawn into the house or business plumbing during or soon after hydrants in the area have been opened, it may include dislodged materials and look discolored. It's not harmful, but it could cause laundry stains. If such discolored water is drawn into the property, it can be cleared by opening the cold, hard-water taps nearest the water meter to full flow until the water runs clear.



FUN FACTS!

- ⇒ On average the city pumps 2 million gallons of water from our wells a day.
- ⇒ There are over 7,000 publicly owned trees that the city maintains.

Boulevard Tree Maintenance



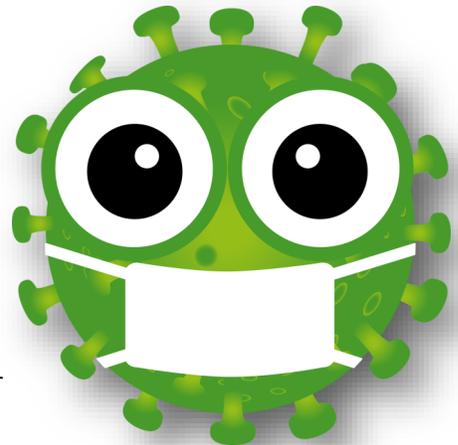
The City of Onalaska Public Works Department maintains all trees that are in the right of way. This includes boulevard trees. The department sends out letters at the end of the winter to let you know if your tree is going to be trimmed or removed. We have had recent storms in our community that also result in the Public Works Department trimming or removing trees that have been damaged. After a storm, the department makes rounds throughout the city to clean up branches and remove damaged trees.

If you are concerned about your boulevard tree call us at 608-781-9543.

Public Works Department Anniversaries

- Colin Radke —————7 years
- John Storandt —————1 year
- Ben Bury —————1 year
- Brandon Heilman ————4 years
- Chris Olson —————29 years
- Tony Hentges —————22 years
- Doug Stinson —————32 years
- Amber Beatse —————4 years
- Jim Prindle —————22 years
- Nils Housker —————2 years
- Frank Fischer —————12 years

HOW WE ARE RESPONDING TO COVID 19



The Public Works Department is committed to providing a safe working environment and a safe environment to serve the public. The Public Works building, which is located at 252 Mason St, is not open to the public; however we can assist you over the phone or through email.

The Public Works Department has installed a plexiglass divider at our service counter and marked out six foot social distancing spaces in the waiting area. There is hand sanitizer available at the front counter and throughout the building for the employees and visitors. These measures will be in place for when the building opens back up to the public.



CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The City of Onalaska Public Works Department works every year with the Wisconsin DNR to produce the Consumer Confidence Report. This report shows the level of contaminants found in the city's well water.

As water travels through the ground it can pick up contaminants from naturally occurring minerals and substances from the presence of animal or human activity.

There were no violations found in The City of Onalaska's water. This report is sent out in the July utility bill and can also be found on our website if you would like more detailed information regarding the data presented.