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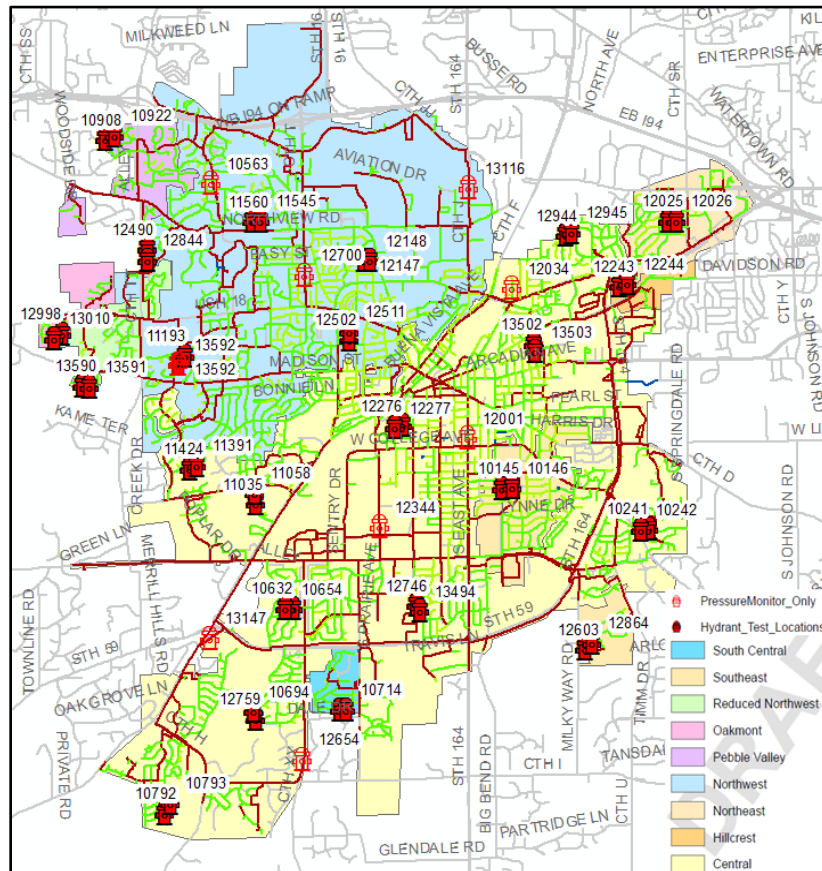
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Water Utility to Conduct Fire Hydrant Tests

Customers may see discolored water

The Waukesha Water Utility plans to test fire hydrants throughout the city. The tests will occur between 7am and 5pm on July 25th, 26th, and 27th.

The testing program includes hydrant flow tests and pressure monitoring throughout the water distribution system. The map below indicates the approximate location of the tests.



During flow tests the hydrants are opened. Customers may see water in the streets. While they are open, the volume of water escaping the hydrant is measured, along with the corresponding drop in pressure in a nearby hydrant.

Often, when water rushes out of a main, the increased flow stirs up natural minerals like iron and calcium that collect on the bottom of the water main. During this time, customers may see cloudy or rusty water. If this happens, run cold water until the water runs clear. Only after the water returns to normal should laundry and other water projects be resumed. It may be necessary to run the water 5 to 10 minutes for this to clear.

The hydrant flow tests and pressure monitoring will be used to fine tune the hydraulic model of the water system. Normally this information supports the routine operations of a water utility. In this case the data will also be used to plan for the new water supply that Waukesha will be getting from Lake Michigan.

If you have questions or concerns about this program, please visit our website, www.waukesha-water.com or call the Utility at (262) 521-5272 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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