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## PRESS RELEASE

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To: Area media  
FR: Steve Krock, Captain  
RE: Fire hydrant testing

STARTING THE WEEK OF June 26, 2017, The Springfield Twp. Fire Dept., in cooperation with the Ontario Water Dept. will begin flushing fire hydrants. Flushing will proceed according to the schedule listed below. Annual hydrant flushing is critical to ensure the continued reliability of the city's hydrants.

The flushing will normally be done Monday – Friday, between hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.. Some discoloration of water may occur during flushing. This is due to sediments and particulates in the water mains that are riled during flushing.

Because of this, residents are strongly advised not to do laundry during these hours as this could lead to discoloration of clothes. However, the water is safe for drinking. The water dept. has special detergent available to remove rust stains from clothing if they are inadvertently soiled.

Residents are also asked not to plant shrubs or trees within five feet of a fire hydrant, as this makes it extremely difficult for firefighters to locate or operate a hydrant when needed. Residents with hydrants that are obscured will be asked to trim or remove the foliage. Questions about the flushing program can be addressed to the Ontario Water Dept. at 419-529-3815

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## 2017 HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULE

- June 5<sup>th</sup> week (6/26): Park Avenue West (Home Rd to Rock Rd. including Mike Volk complex), Allen Dr., Erla Dr., Lewis RD
- July 1<sup>st</sup> week (7/3): Lexington-Springmill Rd South., and Lexington-Springmill Rd. North.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> week (7/10): West Fourth St. (Home Rd. Stumbo Rd.,) Walkerlake Rd.(Home Rd To city limits west).
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> week (7/17): Shangri-la Ave., Alexander Dr. & East, Tranquil Way, Scenic Ridge, Horizon Dr., Richland Mall
- July 4<sup>th</sup> week (7/24) Make up week, Private hydrants anytime during the weeks
- July 5<sup>th</sup> week( 7/31): Make up week, Private hydrants anytime during the weeks