Newark to Begin New Treatments to Address Water Quality

On Tuesday, May 7th, the City of Newark will implement new water treatment operations at the Valley Road Treatment Plant in Montclair. This represents a major commitment and capital infrastructure investment by the City of Newark to improve the quality of drinking water to their customers. This will have a positive impact on the water quality being delivered to the 436 homes in the western section of Nutley that receive City of Newark Water.

To enhance Newark’s efforts, Nutley will need to perform hydrant flushing along the Township’s large diameter water mains to further introduce the corrosion control treatment into the distribution system. While this type of flushing is usually performed during nighttime hours, in order to coordinate proper introduction of the treatment, the flushing will occur from 4:00pm-8:00pm.

Hydrant flushing may result in discolored water or minor drops in water pressure. This situation normally resolves itself once the flushing is completed for that day. Anyone experiencing discolored water is advised to run their taps until the water turns clear.

This initial treatment is meant to control corrosion and reduce lead levels in the Newark distribution system which also includes Bloomfield, Belleville, and Newark. It should be noted that Nutley has not experienced lead levels above federal guidelines in their mandatory tap water testing samples.

As you are aware, Nutley purchases water from two different water purveyors. The Nutley Water Department works constantly to improve water quality through regular maintenance and flushing, unfortunately these efforts cannot always overcome issues that arise in the source water from our suppliers. Over the next couple months, Nutley will continue to work with Newark Water as they introduce a new disinfection process to further improve the quality of water delivered to our residents.

If you have any questions please contact the Licensed Water Operator, Dominic Ferry at the Nutley Water Department. (973-284-4984).