Maryland American Water Announces Upcoming Annual Spring Hydrant Flushing in Bel Air

Bel Air, MD – April 17, 2025 - Maryland American Water will begin its annual fire hydrant flushing program starting on Monday, April 21.

This work is an essential part of our system maintenance program and is necessary for customers to continue to receive high-quality water service. Flushing the system helps to clean out any buildup of mineral deposits and sediment inside the pipes.

The company also flushes its fire hydrants to confirm they are operational and to check fire flows in the system. The process of flushing involves simultaneously opening fire hydrants in a specific area to create increased water flows.

Tips for Customers During Hydrant Flushing

If customers experience temporary water discoloration, Maryland American Water recommends running the cold water until it is clear. The following steps are also encouraged:

- Store a large bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- Check for discolored water before using the washing machine or dishwasher.
- If water pressure or water volume seems low after flushing has been completed, check faucet screens for trapped particles.
- Watch for flushing crews -Please use caution when driving through an area where crews are working.

About American Water
American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,700 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

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About Maryland American Water

Maryland American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), provides high-quality and reliable water services to approximately 24,000 people.

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