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Dear Residents and Business Operators,

The safety of our residents, business operators, and visitors is the top priority of the City of Beverly Hills. Annual testing of every fire hydrant in the City is required by the Beverly Hills Fire Department to maintain our ISO Class I fire service rating. This rating verifies the City's ability to efficiently and effectively respond to any fire emergency. Additionally, it allows citizens within the Beverly Hills to receive better rates on fire insurance.

Starting this month, City crews will be testing water flow to each hydrant within the City service area. This testing will occur from August through October. The crews will steadily move through the City with each block experiencing about 1 to 2 hours of activity in the street.

Your water service during this process will be uninterrupted. However, fire hydrant testing can stir up sediment within the City water system. As a result, you may notice some yellowing of the water from your tap when the water system adjacent to your property is being tested. If you experience this, just run your tap for a few minutes to clear your system. You might also notice traffic and street parking disruptions in your neighborhood during the hydrant testing. The crews and equipment used for testing require a fair amount of space, which means that streets or parking spaces may be blocked for a short time. Streets will re-open as soon as testing is completed.

We know that you may have questions about this important safety project, and we encourage you to call our Customer Service staff at 310-285-2467 if you would like more information.

Thank you in advance for your help and understanding as we work to keep you safe.

Cordially,

Trish Rhay
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