



**Attention Town of Edenton Water Customers**  
**Notice Regarding Possible Water Discoloration**  
**Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Town of Edenton has contracted with a company to test valves located throughout the Town's water distribution system. The testing will take place the week of November 30<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to start at the waterfront and work their way north through town.

The testing will involve inspecting, operating, and assessing the Town's water main valves. Valves will be opened and closed and this process can create turbulence in the water mains that exceeds normal conditions. Natural minerals (mainly iron) build up in water pipes over time. These minerals are heavy and tend to settle in the pipes. When turbulence occurs in the pipes it tends to stir up these minerals. The result is often discolored (typically brown) water.

During this testing, Town water customers may encounter slightly discolored water. Although the contractor uses processes to minimize turbulence, it is possible for small amounts of sediment to be stirred up within the water mains. This sediment is not harmful – the water is safe to drink and will clear up very quickly. If you encounter discolored water we recommend flowing your **COLD** water spigot in either your sink or bath tub until the discoloration clears away. Do not run hot water until the discoloration in the COLD water spigot clears up. If your water does not clear up after a few minutes, please contact Public Works at 252-482-8570.

Our water system has approximately 550 valves located in strategic locations to allow Public Works to isolate a water leak in water mains quickly, which limits the number of customers to as few as possible whose water service is interrupted while repairs are made.