



WATER DISCOLORATION/FLUSHING GUIDE

After a water main repair, you may experience discolored from your tap and/or your refrigerator lines. While the water is safe to use for cooking and cleaning, DWM recommends not drinking or doing laundry until the water is clear as clothes can become stained.

Flushing the **cold** water pipes in your home or business usually clears up the discolored water and will allow trapped air to be released. After water main repair work is completed in your area, follow these steps to flush the **cold**-water lines in your home or business.

Run **cold** water taps for about five minutes or until the water runs clear.

- Begin with the lowest faucet in your home or business and then open the other faucets one at a time, moving from your lowest floor to your highest.
- Once the water runs clear, usually in five minutes or less, turn off your faucets in the same order, lowest to highest.
- You should also flush your refrigerator's water lines.

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