

# **FLUSHING YOUR HOME**

## **HOW TO FLUSH AN ENTIRE HOUSE PLUMBING SYSTEM**

Sometimes it is necessary to clean the plumbing components in your home. These instructions will help by providing some step-by-step instructions on how to do a complete flush.

To protect the health and safety of our communities, we recommend that you read carefully and follow the steps for flushing. Thank you for your cooperation.

**NOTE:** After flushing your water filters may need to be replaced. If you have any point of entry water treatment system such as a water softener or filter, please refer to the instruction manual for replacement of the filter.

At the end of this document, you will find instructions on how to clean your faucet aerator. These instructions should be followed after conducting a house plumbing flush.

### **STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS**

Please complete these steps in the order set out below. Finish each step completely before moving on to the next step.

**NOTE:** Avoid using water the evening of flushing, if possible.

1. Flush ALL cold (hard) water taps until clear.

Avoid using hot water until the cold (hard) water is clear. If your hot water is discolored, it will take an extensive period of time to clear by flushing. The reason it takes time to clear, is that your hot water tank acts as a reservoir if used during flushing. Once the hot water tank and hot water piping have been flushed, open ALL of the cold-water fixtures, flush each toilet at least one time. Run these cold-water fixtures for at least five minutes. Shut water off after five minutes. This does include the water in your refrigerator water dispenser.

2. Flush ALL remaining Appliances and Faucets.

**NOTE:** Before starting step 2, please see FLUSHING YOUR APPLIANCES for more information.

Open any remaining fixtures such as hose bibs, external faucets or fixtures not used for drinking for at least five minutes to finish the plumbing system flushing. Take additional steps to remove water from other appliances.

### **APPLIANCES INCLUDE:**

\*Ice Makers \*Dishwashers \*Washing Machines \*Humidifiers \*CPAP Machines \*Oral, Medical or Health Care Devices \*Baby Formula \*Water Filters \*Water Softeners \*Filters, point of use and whole house

**Discoloration may occur during flushing. This is expected.**  
**It is not a health issue.**  
**Any lingering smell is not a health issue.**