

Steps for Flushing Household Plumbing

After the water main break is repaired, air and sediment may enter your household plumbing system. Flushing the plumbing helps restore clear water.

Before You Start

- Run cold water first, do **not** use hot water first
- Remove faucet screens/aerators if possible

Step 1: Flush Cold Water

1. Open all outside spigots for **5-10 minutes** or until clear
2. Open the furthest bathtub faucet from the meter and run for **10-15 minutes** or until clear
3. Run all cold faucets in the home for **10-15 minutes** or until clear

Step 2: Flush Toilets

- Flush each toilet **2-3 times**

Step 3: Flush Hot Water

1. After all cold water runs clear
2. Turn on **hot water**, one faucet at a time
3. Run **5-10 minutes** or until clear

Step 4: Appliances

- Run washing machine **empty** (cold first)
- Run dishwasher **empty** if used during the outage

Important Information

- Brown or cloudy water is usually harmless sediment
- Water should clear within **24 hours**
- Avoid laundry until water is clear

Call Fayette County Water System If:

- Water stays discolored after 24 hours
- Pressure does not return
- You notice unusual taste or odor