



## Flushing After Water Main Repairs

Brief flushing alleviates temporary aesthetic issues sometimes caused by main repairs

**If you experience a slight color or air bubbles in your water after a water main repair, please flush your tap briefly until the water clears.**

### What causes color in water?

Color in water is usually caused by naturally occurring organic matter, minerals, mineral build-up, or air in the pipes. These can be disturbed during events such as a water main repair or water outage. We flush the water main after a repair before we put the main back into service and restore the water; however, there may be residual matter or air in the main on occasion, which can lead to the temporary appearance of color in the water. Please be assured that these substances typically do not pose a health risk and that the color is usually an aesthetic issue only.

### What causes bubbles in water?

During a water main repair, sometimes air can become trapped in the line. This may sometimes cause the temporary appearance of bubbles or cloudy water.

### What should I do if I see color or air bubbles in my water?

If you notice a slight color to your water after a main repair, please “flush your tap,” or allow the water to run from your sink faucet, briefly until the water clears up. If it does not clear, please contact our office at **(310) 257-1400** so that we may investigate.

### Where can I learn more?

Get more information on color in water at [www.calwater.com/video/color-in-water](http://www.calwater.com/video/color-in-water).



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