

# Restoring Water Quality Checklist

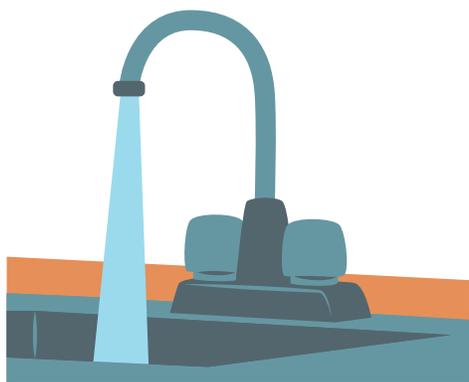


## FOR MAUI RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY WILDFIRES

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When the Unsafe Water Advisory has been amended, it is recommended to flush the plumbing in your home. Moving fresh water through your pipes flushes sediment and particulate from your plumbing. These instructions provide step-by-step instructions on how to flush your home plumbing.

*Note: Discoloration may occur during flushing. This is expected and does not indicate a problem. A milky color may also be present indicating air in the lines. Use flushed water on plants or landscaped areas, where possible.*



#### Flushing Your Home

- Open windows and doors to allow air ventilation.
- Turn off the supply valve to your water heater, if possible.
- Locate the faucets to be flushed and make sure the drains are open/clear.
- Remove or bypass softeners and filters, if any. Do not flush through a filter.
- Remove aerators and screens from faucets and shower heads.
- Flush all faucets, including tubs and showers using cold water. Open faucets all the way for each kitchen or bathroom, starting closest to the meter, opening all taps on the ground floor, before moving to the second floor (if multistory unit). Once all faucets are running fully, let the water run for at least 5 minutes.
- When turning off the taps, do so in reverse order, starting on the second floor (if multistory home) at the farthest point from the meter, before moving to the ground floor to do the same.
- Clean and re-install aerators and screens on faucet(s) and shower head(s).
- Remove reservoir cover for each toilet prior to flushing. Flush all toilets and run bidets (if any) for at least 3 minutes. Replace reservoir cover after flushing.
- Re-open the supply valve to your water heater.

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### Flushing Appliances

*This may not be an all-inclusive list if you have other appliances that store/use potable water*

- Water heater**—make sure it is off and the water is cooled before draining. Run water through it until you no longer see sediment from the water heater. Refill and turn it back on for use.
- Ice maker**—dump the current and next batch, then replace the filter (if any) and clean the container before using.
- Refrigerator**—if you have a water dispenser in your fridge, dump several glasses of water and replace the filter before drinking from it again.
- Dishwasher**—run one rinse cycle with dishwasher empty.
- Coffee maker**—dump the water, wash the parts that you're able to wash, and replace filter (if any). Run water through the coffee maker and dump it several times before drinking again.
- Water pitchers**—dump the water, wash the container, and replace filter (if any).
- Water softeners**—during the initial home flushing, you should bypass any water softeners before flushing. Once flushing is completed, the softener should be forced to do a regeneration cycle before being put into service. If you are unsure of how to manually initiate a regeneration cycle, refer to your softener's owner manual or call your equipment supplier for assistance.
- Humidifiers, CPAP, and other devices**—dump the water in the device and rinse with clean water.



## Flushing Your Storage Tank

Some customers may have on site water storage tanks. This is a good opportunity to fully drain and clean potable storage tanks. After cleaning, it should be properly disinfected following American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards before refilling for use.

### QUESTIONS?

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