



## Discolored Water/Flushing Guide

### Is it safe to drink?

Discolored water may not be aesthetically pleasing, but it is safe to drink. However, Waterville Valley Water does not recommend using discolored water to do laundry. Clothes can become stained.

Discolored water and trapped air are common occurrences after a water main break or other water system maintenance work. Discolored water is caused by sediment and mineral deposits in the pipes that can be stirred up when the water is turned off and then back on following work on Waterville Valley's Water System.

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 a Water Main Repair:

After water main repair work is completed in your area, flush the **COLD** water lines in your home or business using the following steps.

- Waterville Valley Water suggests running all **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.