

# Quick Guide for Flushing Lines



## When to flush your lines:



After an **interruption in service** (outage, work/repairs, etc.)



After **home plumbing repairs** (hot water heater replacement, plumbing repairs, etc.)



After an **extended period of not using the water** (3 weeks or more)

## How to flush your lines:

1

If water has been turned off for repairs, turn it back on at the meter.

2

Turn the *cold* water on in a bathtub.

*Hot water requires energy and can also allow any air in the line to enter the hot water heater.*

3

If you have more than one story, and are flushing to remove air from the line, turn it on in an upstairs bath, too.

4

Run water at half force for 15-20 minutes.

**TIP:** When flushing your lines, ensure the flow is continuous. Sporadically running the water will not sufficiently clear the line.

## Why you should flush your lines:

When water sits in the pipes for an extended amount of time, it can become stale. While it's still safe to consume, it may not taste as fresh as normal. If water has been temporarily stopped for repair or maintenance, air can enter the line and cause cloudy or sputtering water. Flushing the line turns the water over, filling your lines with fresh water and eliminating any air that has entered.

For additional information regarding water quality, visit [WHUD.org/water-quality](http://WHUD.org/water-quality).

If you experience water quality issues that aren't corrected by flushing your line, **call us at 615-672-4110**, or report them on our **Customer Problem Reporter** at [WHUD.org](http://WHUD.org).