



## What to Do When the Advisory Is Over

Once a *Drinking Water Advisory* is lifted, you need to flush, clean, and sanitize the following:

- Water pipes
- Water treatment devices
- Plumbed appliances
- Water storage tanks

**Before you use water in your home:**

- Remove all aerator or screen devices from faucets
- Run hot and cold water faucets for at least five minutes before you use them.
- If you live in an apartment or condominium, run all faucets for at least five minutes, until the water is clear and any air in the plumbing has been released.
- Rinse out any sediment or debris from the aerator or screen devices and put them back on the faucet.
- Flush, clean, and sanitize appliances with water line connections (e.g., fridges with water and ice dispensers) following manufacturer's instructions.
- Disinfect water filtration devices following manufacturer's instructions.
- Run your water softener through a regeneration cycle following manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace filters on any tap water filtration devices, and flush the fixture according to the manufacturer's directions
- Hot water heaters and hot water heating systems may require that water be drained to get rid of any sediment.
- If your hot water heater was set below 45 °C, drain and refill the tank.

Contact the community Environmental Health Officer for more information.

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