

# Why Your Water May Look Brown or Yellow

## Temporary Discoloration Explained — What You Need to Know

Your water is normally clear. Sometimes it may look yellow, brown, or cloudy for a short time. This is common and usually happens when the system is working to keep your water reliable and safe.

### Why it happens:

- Hydrant use or testing can stir up minerals.
- Water line flushing moves water quickly to clean pipes and improve flow.
- Main breaks or repairs can temporarily change flow direction.
- High demand can move sediment.

### Is my water safe?

In most cases, yes. Temporary discoloration is a visual issue, not a health issue.

### What you can do at home:

1. Run cold water from your bathtub or outside spigot for 2–3 minutes.
2. If it's still discolored, wait 30–60 minutes and try again.
3. Avoid doing laundry until water runs clear.

### When to call us:

- Discoloration does not clear after several hours.
- Very low pressure or no water.
- Air or sputtering for more than a day.