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RECOMMENDED FLUSHING PROCEDURE FOR COLD WATER LINES

Dear Customer:

The following information explains how to flush a one- or two-family private residence's cold water internal plumbing system:

1. Locate the main water shut off valve for your home. **NOTE:** It may be either a quarter turn lever valve (known as a Ball Valve) or a wheel valve (known as a Gate Valve).
2. Locate all cold water valves within your home that have separate cold water on/off valves. **NOTE:** Do not use single lever valves for this flushing procedure.
3. Begin internal flushing by turning on **ALL COLD** water outlets; example, outside water faucets, kitchen faucets, bathroom faucets and bath tub faucets. This creates a high water flow rate within your residence. **NOTE: DO NOT USE WASHING MACHINE DURING THIS PROCEDURE.**
4. Once all cold water outlets are running, go to the main shut off and open and close it as quickly as you can 12 times, then leave it in the open position. **NOTE:** You may note a banging within your pipes. This is water hammer due to the rapid opening/closing of your main shut off valve.
5. Allow cold water to run out of cold water faucets until water is clean.
6. We may have removed your meter prior to your conducting this procedure. Please contact the office at the above phone number when you have finished the entire procedure so that we may reinstall your meter.

If you have any further questions regarding connection to the Riverhead Water District, please feel free to contact this office at 727-3205 or 727-3200 Ext. 338, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.