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After the water comes back on

During repairs to our Scott Lake Water System the water is turned off to at least a portion of our community. During that time silt in the pipes can be dislodged and then end up in our house plumbing. To prevent clogging of faucets, shower heads, and other appliances there are certain things you should do after the water comes on:

1. Before you open any faucets in your house run an outdoor faucet until the water runs clear. Choose a faucet nearest to the water meter. Remove the hose from the faucet or if that creates too much of a mess next to the house remove and sprayer at the end of the hose and drain away from the house. Once that faucet is running clear proceed to open any other outside faucets to make sure the water is running clear from those as well.
2. Go into the house and start with the interior faucet closest to where the water enters the house typically near the water heater. Remove the filter/aerator from the faucet and then turn on the COLD water. Turn the water on slowly. There could be air pockets that will make the water splash so be careful. (I know some of the online resources say to start with the hot water but I prefer not to put any dirty water that may be in the line into my water heater until I feel the lines are cleared.)
 - a. Inspect the filter/aerator and clean/rinse as needed. Return the filter/aerator to the faucet.
3. Once that faucet is running clear with no air pockets go to the next faucet closest to the water heater.
4. Repeat this process for all faucets including bathtubs and showers.
 - a. For showers, remove the shower head to prevent any debris from plugging up the little holes in the shower head.
5. Flush each toilet as you proceed through the house.
6. Repeat the process with the HOT water.
7. If you have a refrigerator with plumbed water you may want to run it for a while then replace the filter.
8. Dishwashers need to be inspected as well. Check your owner's manual for instructions to find and clean and water line filters. Sometimes there are filter screens at the wall faucet.
9. Washers (and some dryers) have water plumbed to them as well. Consider disconnecting the hoses from the faucets and clearing them as well. If there is an onboard filter it may need to be inspected and cleaned.

The process of occasionally removing, inspecting, and cleaning or replacing the filter/aerator should prevent your faucets from becoming clogged causing low water flow.



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Here are a couple of other resources:

<https://www.hunker.com/12335314/how-to-flush-water-pipes-in-a-home>

<https://www.okc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/14108/636930091717870000>

Also, over time your water heater can collect silt and other material on the bottom of the tank. It is recommended the water heater be drained and flushed occasionally. Here are some links to explain that process:

<https://www.artofmanliness.com/skills/how-to/how-to-flush-your-hot-water-heater/>

<https://www.landmarkhw.com/resources/plumbing/how-to-flush-sediment-out-of-a-water-heater/2/279>