

How to Flush a Water Heater

Caution: When flushing a water heater there is danger of being scalded. Use caution and keep children and pets away during the procedure.



Water heater



Cold water inlet valve



Drain valve

1 It is not necessary to turn off the water heater. Just be sure to leave the cold water inlet valve open so water is coming into the water heater. If the water level drops below the heating elements, they will burn out rapidly. Leaving the cold water inlet will prevent this.

2 Connect a garden hose to the drain valve. This is usually located at the base of the water heater.



3 Put the other end of the hose in a place where it is safe to release the hot water. This could be in a sink or tub or somewhere outside where the hot water will not harm children, pets, landscape or the building structure.



4 Open the drain valve at the bottom of the heater allowing water to flow through the garden hose. Use caution because this water can be very hot!



5 When the water leaving the garden hose runs cold and free of sediment, you are finished.



6 Close the drain valve and remove the garden hose. If this does not get rid of the original problem, contact SUB's Water Service Center for further follow up.

