



# Oakland Township Iron Removal Information Session

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## Top Recommendations

Below is a summary of the major takeaways from today's workshop! We hope that after this presentation you have a better understanding of your water system and the various steps that you can take for handling iron that you may find present in your water system. For any additional questions or comments, contact Connie Sims with the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office at (248)-858-1441 or [simsc@oakgov.com](mailto:simsc@oakgov.com).

1. Do not use any water the night when hydrant flushing is scheduled in your subdivision and limit water use on other nights during system flushing. Turn off automatic sprinklers and water softener backwash cycles.
2. Flush your pipes when you have discolored water or low pressure. First, test a spigot that does not get filtered or softened water. If the water is discolored or you have low pressure, the feed pipe to your home likely needs to be flushed. If water is clear at the spigot with full pressure, there is likely a problem with your water softener, filter, or water heater.
3. If you are on a chlorinated system, add a sediment filter to remove the rust debris from the water mains.  
If you are on an unchlorinated system, add an iron filter.
4. Periodically use a water softener cleaner OR iron-removing salt. This will prevent rust buildup in your softener.
5. Periodically flush your water heater. This will prevent rust buildup in the heater
6. Do NOT use bleach for laundry or cleaning! To remove rust stains that have already occurred, use oxalic acid or a commercial rust remover.
7. Consider using sprinkler system additives for rust prevention, direct sprinklers away from surfaces that may stain, water during off-peak times.