

Freeland Water Customers,

We are pleased to announce that a new water treatment system has been installed that will reduce iron and manganese compounds in our water. While the concentrations of those compounds are far below health concerns, their presence in combination with the chlorine we add as a disinfectant, sometimes resulted in a chlorine taste in our water. Our objective in installing the new treatment system is to reduce the chlorine taste. We hope you notice the difference.

In addition to installing the new treatment system our water system operator, Whidbey Water Services, also cleaned the interior of our main water reservoir.

The final step in this process is to flush the water mains. This will dislodge iron and manganese that has settled in the water mains. You may briefly experience discolored water. You may reduce this by opening an exterior water faucet for a few minutes or until the water runs clear so that your own lines are flushed. **We recommend, to avoid staining, that you don't wash white laundry items until the flushing is completed.** The District intends to begin the flushing with the water lines nearest the reservoir on Scenic Road and extend outward to the farthest parts of our district (East Harbor Road and Bercot Road). **The flushing will begin approximately January 22nd and be completed by January 25th.**