

Why do I sometimes see Dirty Water at My Household Taps?

There are many reasons for dirty water coming from your household tap.

Here are some of the causes of dirty water:

- A broken water main line
- Changes in the pressure of the water we receive from Newark
- Fire Department utilizing hydrants in the course of fire-fighting activities
- Annual flushing of hydrants
- Street sweeper connecting to a hydrant for water

Please note that the water we receive from Newark is not dirty.

Again, it is usually one of the above causes that creates the dirty water as it stirs up sediment inside the water mains.

If you experience dirty water, please call the Department of Public Works at 973-450-3412 to report the dirty water.

When you experience dirty water, run your cold-water faucet until it clears. This may take as long as 10-20 minutes.