

Flush the Sludge

We all know that occasionally when the Tacoma water pipes experience a break or other stoppage and then a surge when water is restored, we end up with cloudy or brown water in our Pacific Tower system until the particles settle again. The cloudy water is not dangerous, they assure us, but it is unsightly, and the water runs clear again within a few hours. However, one place this residue gets trapped is in the toilet tanks in our bathrooms.

Lift the top off your toilet tank, put it aside, and look down at the bottom of that tank... do you see what looks like sludge or dirt on the bottom? If so the best way to clean this is by getting a large pitcher and filling it with tap water. Then flush the toilet and hold the flush lever down allowing the water to continue to flow out of the tank. At the same time pour fresh clean water into the dirty areas and watch it go down into the toilet bowl and down the sewer. You may need to do this several times, depending on the amount of sludge accumulated. Just continue this process until you no longer see sludge or residue at the bottom of the tank. Remember to hold the flush lever down until you finish pouring the water in. Once all the sludge is flushed out, release the lever allowing the tank to fill as usual. Then flush your toilet again to ensure the water in your toilet bowl is free of sludge and there is no more residue in your toilet system.

Check your toilet tank once a year to see if you need to flush the sludge again. HAPPY FLUSHING!

Before



After

