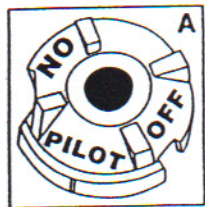


## Hot Water Heater Maintenance Guide

Affix this magnet to your hot water heater

**Method One** flushes the water until it runs clear. **Method Two** fully drains all the water from the tank and refills it with clear water. Try **Method One** first; if that is not successful, then use **Method Two**. You will need a garden hose and a white basin or bucket.



### Method One: To flush a hot water tank:

**A.** First turn off the heater. On a gas heater, turn the gas valve to the pilot or stand-by position; on an electric or oil-fired heater, turn off the electric supply to the heater.

**B.** Connect a garden hose to the draincock at the bottom of the heater. The draincock looks like a regular garden faucet.

**C.** Run the hose to a place where the water can safely exit the heater such as a slop sink, drain or through a window or door to the outside. Open the draincock so that the water runs at full flow. **Remember, the water will be hot, so use caution.**

**D.** Check the water after about 10 minutes by filling the white basin or bucket. (A white bucket allows you to see if the water is clear).

**E.** If the water is clear, go to Step F. If the water is still discolored, repeat Step D until the water is completely clear

**F.** Close the draincock and remove the garden hose.\*

### Method Two: To drain a hot water heater:

**A.** First turn off the heater. On a gas heater, turn the gas valve to the pilot or stand-by position; on an electric or oil-fired heater, turn off the electric supply to the heater.

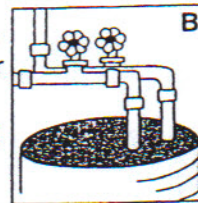
**B.** Turn off the cold water feed to the heater and connect a garden hose to the draincock at the bottom of the heater. The draincock looks like a regular garden faucet.

**C.** Run the hose to a place where the water can safely exit the heater such as a slop sink, drain or through a window or door to the outside.

**D.** Open the draincock and let the tank drain completely. **Remember, the water will be hot, so use caution.**

**E.** After all the water has drained from the heater, turn on the cold water feed and let the water run through the heater and out through the garden hose for about ten minutes.

**F.** Close the draincock, remove the garden hose.\* Open a hot water faucet. Allow the tank to refill with the cold water. When water comes out of the faucet, the tank is full.



\* Be aware there will be water in the hose