



**METROPOLITAN
HEALTH DISTRICT**

Disinfecting your Fresh Water Tank

To clean your fresh water tank

1. Drain and flush out the fresh water tank
2. Remove any water purification equipment and water-filter cartridges
3. Use 1/4-cup of liquid household bleach (sodium hypochlorite) for every 15 gallons of fresh-water tank capacity.
4. Pour the solution directly into the fresh water tank.
5. Fill the tank with fresh water.
6. Drive around the block—to cause the bleach solution to slosh all over the inside of the fresh water tank.
7. Turn on the water pump and all internal faucets to pump the solution through the system to every hot and cold faucet at every sink, water heater, external faucets. You should smell the distinct odor of bleach (chlorine) at every fixture.
8. Close all the faucets and turn off the water pump.
9. Let the bleach solution remain in the system for 2–4 hours.
10. Drain and flush the system. Top off the tank with fresh water and go for another drive (to splash around and wash out the residual bleach). Fill and drain and drive and splash until there is no more bleach odor.

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