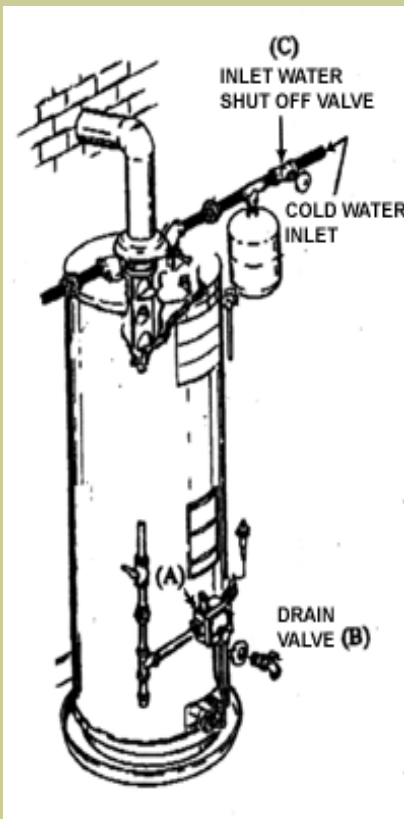


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Flushing Gas Hot Water Tanks

If there is dirty or smelly water coming from your hot water taps but the cold water taps are clear, you may need to flush out your hot water tank. These instructions will generally apply to hot water tanks properly installed within the last 10-15 years. If you have ANY problems following these instructions, you should contact a plumber to help you flush your hot water tank.

1. Turn the **gas valve knob (A)** to the pilot position. **CAUTION:** The valve must be in the pilot position before draining the hot water tank.
2. Connect a hose to the **drain valve (B)**. **NOTE :** direct the hose to a floor drain or outside the house.
3. Open the **drain valve (B)** and flush the tank for about five (5) minutes. **Caution:** At first, the water will be very hot.
4. Close the **drain valve (B)**.
5. Shut off water at the **cold water inlet (C)**.
6. Fully open a hot water tap in the house to relieve tank pressure and to completely drain the tank.
7. Re-open the **drain valve (B)** and drain the tank. **NOTE :** This may take 30 minutes to 1 hour.
8. Turn **cold water inlet (C)** on and off about 5 times for 1 minute to flush the sediment from the tank. **NOTE :** continue doing this until the water runs clear. When the water is clear turn **cold water inlet (C)** off.
9. Close the **drain valve (B)** as much as possible without forcing the valve shut. (It may be difficult to completely close the valve due to age and possible rust in the valve.)
10. Turn **cold water inlet (C)** on fully to refill the tank. **NOTE :** Make sure the hot water in the house is open. When the tank is full there will be a steady stream flowing from the open tap.
11. Shut the water off at the hot water tap.
12. Turn the **gas valve knob (A)** back to the ON Position.
13. Disconnect the garden hose.
14. Make sure the **drain valve (B)** is completely turned OFF. **NOTE :** If your valve drips after you have turned it off, you can install a cap, available at hardware stores.