

In case of problems with the drinking water

During and after pipe work, there may be discolored water and air in the pipes. In the event of disturbances, keep following in mind:

Discolored water

It is common for the water to get a yellow or brownish color after a pipework and it depends on particles has released from the pipes. The discolored water is usually not something that affects health but it can contain elevated levels of particles, iron, manganese and in rare cases bacteria.

- ✓ **Rinse the wires properly,**
by flushing heavily in taps and large flushing in toilets. Rinse until the water is clear, should it not clear up within 5-10 minutes, contact water och sewer department.
- ✓ **You should not drink discolored water,**
because the drinking water quality cannot be guaranteed. If the drinking water is unusable, it is most likely because the elevated bacterail levels. Therefore, it is recommended to boil the water until it is bubbling strongly for a few minutes and then let it cool before using it for drinking water. Any bacteria will die when the water is boiled.
- ✓ **Discolored water can be used for cooking,**
as long as the water boils and bubbles strongly, it can be used for cooking, such as potatoes, rice and pasta.
- ✓ **The water can discolor laundry,**
avoid washing white or light laundry if the water is discolored.

Air in the pipes

After a pipe work there may be air in the pipes. You usually notice this by it "milling" out of the taps and that the water contains small air bubbles when it is tapped. The water usually turn greyish, cloudy or milky. The air bubbles are innocuous and disappear after a few minutes.