

Common Drinking Water Problems and Possible Causes

Water Symptoms:	You may want to test for:
Scale buildup on faucets or spotty dishes	Hardness
Stained Sinks and bathtubs	Hardness, Iron, Manganese
Blue-green stain in sink or tub	pH, Corrosivity, Copper
Cloudy Water	pH, Hardness, Iron, Manganese, Total Solids
Pin hole leaks in Plumbing	pH, Corrosivity, Copper, Lead
White or brown stains on teeth	Fluoride
Brown or Black specs or stains	Manganese
Brown, orange, red stains on sinks & tubs	Iron, Manganese
Oily water surface	VOC, Manganese
Metallic or bitter taste	Iron, Manganese, Copper, Lead, Corrosivity
Grey ring in toilet bowl	Hardness, Manganese
Gastrointestinal illness	Total Coliform/E. coli
Salty Taste/Road Deicing	Sodium, Chloride