



Cloudy water, also known as white water, is completely **harmless**. It is caused by tiny oxygen (air) bubbles in the water. The bubbles create a cloudy appearance as water is drawn from the tap.

Cloudy water is most common in the winter because cold water can hold more oxygen. As cold water warms up during its travel to the tap, the bubbles come out of solution, creating the cloudy appearance.

Water pressure can also cause cloudy water, as water under pressure holds more air. When pressurized water comes out of the tap, the water is no longer under pressure and the air bubbles come out of solution, creating the cloudy appearance.

How to get rid of cloudy water?

Let a glass of water clear up on its own. Air bubbles in the water will rise to the top of the glass and into the air.



Cloudy water is safe to drink!



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For more information, please visit <https://water.usgs.gov/edu/qa-chemical-cloudy.html>, or contact:

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