

MY WATER STAINS LAUNDRY BLACK OR BROWN

LIKELY PROBLEM	HEALTH CONCERN?	OTHER CLUES & CONSIDERATIONS	CONFIRM IT	POSSIBLE FIXES	LICENSE REQUIRED FOR FIX?	STATE FUNDS?	MORE INFO
<p>Manganese or Manganese and Iron See Iron in Drinking Water brochure.</p>	<p>Possibly, if levels are very high. Manganese is a necessary mineral for good health and there is not a primary drinking water standard for manganese. There is however, a nuisance standard for manganese. Also, EPA has issued a health advisory for manganese. See the Department of Health Services Fact Sheet on Manganese.</p>	<p>Do you have black specks in your water? When you rub the specks between your fingers, does it leave a black powder? Do you have dark stains on plumbing fixtures?</p>	<p>Test your water for manganese and iron. Contact a laboratory certified by DNR to test for manganese and iron.</p>	<p>Install a Dept. of Safety and Professional Services approved water treatment device. Devices are listed under contaminants they will remove.</p>	<p>Yes, treatment devices must be installed by licensed plumbers; or in some cases may be installed by the owner/occupant of a single family private residence. See plumbing license laws.</p> <p>Be sure the treatment device chosen is capable of removing the amount of manganese and iron you have in your water.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>UWSP Well Water Quality Viewer</p> <p>United States Geological Survey</p> <p>National Ground Water Association</p> <p>Water Systems Council</p> <p>National Sanitation Foundation</p> <p>Center for Watershed Science and Education, UW-Stevens Point</p>