

# Filtering tap water

Water is part of everyday life and with the population expanding at such a rapid rate many more people are getting concerned about the quality of the water that flows through our taps for drinking, showering and cleaning purposes. Even though our water passes through stringent quality control measures it can still contain minerals and bacteria that can damage your health, skin and appliances.

There are a variety of whole house water filter systems that you can choose from. Whole house water filter are installed directly in the pipe at the source from where water is supplied to the entire house. All whole house water filters need changing periodically and that needs to be taken in calculation when you decide on any one type.

Having a whole house **water filter system** will put your mind at ease anytime you choose to use the water whether it is for drinking purposes, washing or cleaning and the impact will soon be felt in the taste of the water, healthier skin, soft hair and better functioning appliances. All these benefits from the whole house **water filter system** will in fact add to your savings as you don't need to buy bottled water, expensive lotion for treating your skin problems, masks and treatments for your hair and not to mention maintaining and repairing appliances such as the washing machine or dish washer, which can cost an arm and a leg.

By having a whole of house filters an indirect benefit is that the water that gets to go back into the drains is also free of chemicals, minerals and bacteria, which means you are protecting the environment as well.

## **How often should I change my cartridges?**

In order for our filters to perform as represented and to provide the best quality water possible, it is essential that filters be replaced periodically. We recommend replacing your filter cartridge when capacity is reached or at least once a year. The frequency of filter changes depends upon your water quality and your water usage. For example, if there is a lot of sediment and/or particles in your water, then you will have to change your filters more frequently than someone does with little to no sediment. Be sure to replace your filters whenever you notice a decline in the performance, whether it is a drop in flow rate and/or pressure or an unusual taste in the water.

## **Why do cartridges have to be flushed when first installed?**

All carbon-based filters need to be flushed to remove any excess carbon fines that are inside the cartridges. New cartridges are filled with air; therefore, flushing also removes the air from inside the cartridges and replaces it with water. The flushing process will allow any carbon-based cartridge to function at optimum levels without affecting any equipment that may be attached.

**Sources:** Waters Filters Australia and [www.Everpure.com](http://www.Everpure.com)