



**MAINTENANCE
IS KEY!**

The Elk Grove Water District occasionally receives calls regarding water quality issues including discolored water and debris. Quite often, the cause of these issues is lack of maintenance of home water softener systems. The following maintenance tips are provided as general information for homeowners, and do not represent a comprehensive maintenance plan or requirements for all water softeners.

FOUR TIPS TO MAINTAIN WATER SOFTENER SYSTEMS:

1. Use pure salt with iron remover. Standard rock salt is less expensive, but the contaminants it contains will cost you more in the long run.
2. Don't add salt until almost all the salt in the tank is used up. Then refill the tank no more than two-thirds full.
3. Use Iron-Out once a year to clean the resin bed and the parts in the control valve.
4. Clean the brine tank once a year. Even pure salt contains contaminants.

Specific questions regarding the maintenance and repair of your water softener system should be directed to a local water treatment dealer or plumber.