

Why are there sand particles in my water?

The Coachella Valley's drinking water comes from a vast underground aquifer.

The wells that pump the water from the ground into the delivery system are designed to filter out sand, but some particles make it into the system. These particles typically settle in large water pipes and tanks, but sometimes make it through the faucet.

Is it OK to drink water with sand particles?

These sand particles are completely harmless and pose no health risk.

What if the amount of sand particles increases?

Repairs to water pipes and the use of fire hydrants (for fighting fires or construction crews) can stir up the particles resting in the pipes and typically cause a temporary increase in sand. When this happens, allowing the sand to settle and then flushing your faucets will remove the sand.

In rare cases, sand particles can represent an on-going nuisance. If you experience this, call the water district for an inspection.



Why is my water cloudy?

Cloudy tap water is caused by air bubbles in the water. Air dissolves into water when pressurized, which occurs in the groundwater basin and in the water pipes.

Is it OK to drink?

Air bubbles are completely harmless and pose no health risk. If you prefer the look of clear water, simply let it sit for a few moments and the air will dissipate.



For more information about this and other water issues, call Coachella Valley Water District at (760) 398-2651 or (800) 262-2651.
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