

SULFUR SMELL IN WATER almost always comes from the water heater and can be a sign it is time for maintenance. Regular maintenance can add years to the life of your water heater.

Inside the water heater is a SACRIFICIAL ANODE ROD. This rod is designed to attract the normal corrosive properties in water and protect your tank from corrosion. In this process the rod corrodes and can create a sulfur or rotten egg smell.



Taft Plumbing recommends the following:

It is a good idea to regularly replace the anode rod. Please note that most water heaters have a 6-year warranty and replacing the anode rod can void the warranty.

If you have a sulfur (rotten egg) smell from the **hot water tap**, it is probably time to replace the sacrificial anode rod.

We do not recommend replacing this rod yourself. However, you can view a video on replacing the anode rod at www.thisoldhouse.com/how-to/how-to-change-water-heater-anode-rod

Regular maintenance will extend the life of your water heater. Please contact the manufacturer or a plumber for water heater servicing and maintenance.