

## **Hot Water Heaters**

Our Foxwood Meadows neighborhood was developed in 2001. The hot water heaters installed in each home then had a 10-year life time expectancy. Some neighbors have already replaced their hot water heaters. If you have not had to do so, plan ahead. Your day is coming and perhaps soon.

A Steve's Plumbing staff member offers this annual hot water heater maintenance for all of us - drain the bottom of your water tank once a year. There are bits of iron in our water plus the metal tank inside slowly corrodes over time thanks to the chemical content of our water.

At the bottom of our hot water tanks is a drain valve. A typical garden hose can connect to it and extend outside our garages. This effort permits you to drain the bottom of the tank. When you open up the valve, the water may be orange in color and carry those bits of iron and other particles that have accumulated at the bottom of the tank. Once the water color has cleared, turn off the valve, disconnect the hose and you are done for this year. If this maintenance is done each year, it enhances the life time of your water heater and saves money over time.