MY WATER STAINS LAUNDRY RED OR BROWN							
LIKELY	HEALTH	OTHER CLUES &	CONFIRM	POSSIBLE	LICENSE NEEDED	STATE	MORE
PROBLEM	CONCERN?	CONSIDERATIONS	IT	FIXES	FOR FIX?	FUNDS?	INFO
Iron	No, iron is a	Does your water	Test your water	Install Dept. of	Yes, treatment devices	No	See <u>Iron</u>
See	necessary	appear red? Are there	for iron,	Safety and	must be installed by		<u>Bacteria</u>
<u>Iron in</u>	mineral for	red stains in tubs and	manganese,	Professional	<u>licensed plumbers;</u> or		brochure.
<u>Drinking</u>	human health.	sinks? There are two	iron bacteria,	Services	in some cases may be		
<u>Water</u>	There is a	types of iron in water:	pH, alkalinity	approved water	installed by the		<u>UWSP</u>
brochure.	<u>nuisance</u>	clear water or soluble	and hardness.	<u>treatment device</u> .	owner/occupant of a		<u>Ground-water</u>
	<u>standard</u>	iron; or red water or	Contact a	Devices are listed	single family private		<u>Quality Viewer</u>
	for iron that is	insoluble iron.	laboratory	under	residence. See		United States
	based on	Treatment methods	<u>certified by</u>	contaminants	<u>plumbing license laws</u> .		<u>United States</u>
	staining,	depend on which type	DNR to test for	they will remove.			<u>Geological</u>
	appearance,	of iron is present and at	<u>iron and</u>	See <u>Iron in</u>			<u>Survey</u>
	taste and	what level. See	manganese.	Drinking Water			National
	odor	Iron in Drinking Water		brochure for			Ground Water
	problems.	brochure. <u>Iron Bacteria</u>		treatment options. Water softeners			Association
		can be associated with		will remove iron in			ASSOCIATION
		iron problems. If iron is present, often		some cases. Be			Water Systems
		manganese is, too.		sure the chosen			Council
		•		treatment device			
		See the Department		is capable of			National
		of Health Services		removing the			Sanitation
		Fact Sheet on		amount and type			Foundation
		<u>Manganese</u> .		of iron you have			
				in your water.			Center for
				Also make sure it			Watershed
				is capable of			Science and
				removing any			Education,
				manganese			UW-Stevens
				present.			Point
				Change the	Yes,		See above. Talk
				screen depth or	licensed <u>Well Drillers</u>		to your
				well casing			neighbors about
				depth in your			their wells to find
				well (without			out if you can
				making your			reduce iron by
				well too			changing your
				shallow).			screen or casing
							depth.