

**If I accidentally leave a water tap dripping overnight, my sink is stained with rust the next morning. Is there a simple filter that would remove this rust? The water is fine otherwise.**

**Regards**

**Richard Hofer**

The rust marks left behind in your sink from an overnight dripping session are not uncommon in the Gatineau Hills. Most of our wells provide us with potable drinking water but the water still contains numerous minerals and elements. These "rust" marks left behind are from the iron in your water. These deposits are collecting in the small etchings in your sink. The only real solution is to install a complete and comprehensive filtration system including a water softening component. Smaller inline, under counter type filters will help, but only reduce unwanted minerals in your drinking water. Iron is one of the toughest elements to eliminate completely.

My advice, make sure the tap is off before you go to bed !! Furthermore, the extra water entering your septic tank unnecessarily is brutal to your septic system, but that sounds like a topic for another question. I hope this helps.

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