

Bubbly Hot Water After Winterization

Question: Bubbly Hot Water after Winterization: I winterized the unit myself and this spring flushed out the RV antifreeze from the system as best I could. I ran the hot water side 10 minutes or so, drained the hot water heater a bit, both from the bottom plug and from the relief valve at the top. I still have foamy, bubbly water at the sinks on the hot side. I assume this means either an air gap somewhere or traces of anti-freeze. Can you suggest what I might do to remediate? I used the bypass valve when I winterized and drained the water heater completely. I did not fill it with antifreeze but just let a little run into it to make sure trace water that might have been in there would not cause a problem.

Answer: You should completely fill the hot water heater from a shore source hose and then open each outlet one at a time to completely drain all of the antifreeze. Before you fill the heater, partially drain the tank with the bottom plug and then tighten the drain plug. Snap the relief valve a few times and then fill the tank and drain all of the faucets. You will have an air cushion in the tank top that will prevent the relief valve from leaking.