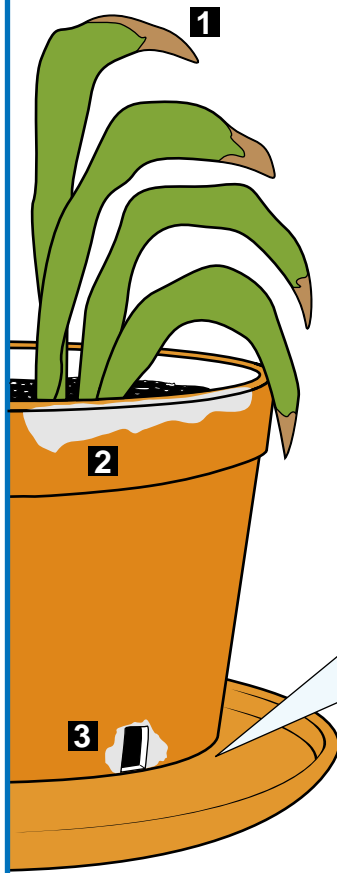


Penn State Pointers ► Tap Water and Plants — 1,2,3

Almost all tap water systems use filtering and/or contain additives and sodium that, in excess, can harm household plants.



**SIGNS OF EXCESS MINERALS
OR CHEMICALS IN PLANTS...**

- 1** Weakened plants (some may develop brown-tipped leaves)
- 2** Off-white crust, clumps or residue forms on top of soil, with possible deposits on pot
- 3** Powder or film accumulates around the drain openings of pots or planters

When needed, flush your container plants of excess minerals and chemicals by soaking soil with rain water, then allowing it to drain out completely.

After draining, remove plants from standing water.

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