

3. Black Specks in Specific Faucets

If the black specks are only in your kitchen or bathroom faucet (or any other faucet), it could be that the rubber in the water supply pipes is disintegrating. If you check under your kitchen or bathroom sink, you will see 2 hoses that bring hot and cold water to the faucet.

If the black specks appear with the cold water, it is the cold water pipe's rubber that is flaking off. On the other hand if the black spots appear when you turn on the hot water but they do not appear in your shower or tub, the faucet hot water supply pipe is the problem.

Again, these hoses are cheap and easy to replace. I would advise that you replace both hoses at the same time.

If the black specks only appear on faucets with a filter, those could be particles from a granular activated carbon filter. In this case, replacing the filter will fix the problem.

4. Black Spots in Water from a Well

If you use water from a well and you start seeing black particles in the water, it could be sand or silt. Sand or silt particles will cause wearing out of appliances (dishwashers and washing machines) and clog most of them especially faucets, shower heads and toilet fill valves.

The solutions for such a problem are many and will vary from well to well. The best thing would be to contact a professional in water drilling to troubleshoot and give you the best solution for your well.

5. Old Galvanized Pipes

Old galvanized pipes (which are not used in modern plumbing) could be corroded and flaking off as water flows through them. It is not easy to determine if this is the problem on your own and I would advise that you work with a license plumber.