Foul Smelling Water?

Fill a clean glass with cold water. Step away from the sink and smell the water. If it smells normal, repeat with hot water. If the foul smell is from the hot only, the problem is within your water heater.

<u>It is important to flush the water from the bottom of your water heater once a year.</u>

To disinfect the water heater:

1) Fill a container with ½ gallon of clean water
2) Fill second container with ½ gallon of clean water and add 1 cup of bleach
3) Remove kitchen sink faucet aerator
4) Attach garden hose adapter
5) Attach short garden hose
6) Turn gas water heater to "pilot", turn off breaker to electric water heater
7) Attach garden hose to water heater flush faucet (near bottom of heater)
8) Flush water from bottom of water heater until it appears clear
9) Leave flush faucet open, close water heater inlet valve
10) Open hot water at kitchen sink and use short hose to siphon chlorine solution
11) Add clean water to same container and continue to siphon until empty
12) Close faucet
13) Remove hose and adapter
14) Reinstall aerator
15) Open water heater inlet valve slowly
16) Open hot water valve at sink until air is gone
17) Run water from each hot tap (sinks, showers, etc) until you can smell chlorine
18) Leave water heater as is for 1 hour
19) Run dishwasher and empty washing machine (set to hot). This will treat the appliances as well as help flush excess chlorine from heater
20) Flush water heater until chlorine smell is weaker
21) Turn gas water heater back "on". Turn on breaker for electric water heater
22) Raise water heater thermostat setting to highest temperature you feel safe with