

INTENSIVE FLUSHING METHOD

FOLLOWING LEAD PIPE REPLACEMENT

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS FOLLOWING A LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

Lead is harmful to everyone. Pregnant women, infants, children under six, and adults with high blood pressure and kidney problems are at the most risk.

TIPS FOR FLUSHING ALL TAPS AT ONCE TO CLEAN LEAD FROM YOUR HOME'S PIPES

Following lead service line replacement work, small pieces of lead from your service pipe may have entered the pipes in your house, resulting in high lead levels in the water you cook and drink for up to three months.

Studies show that running quickly flowing water through a home's plumbing every two weeks for three months after pipes have been disturbed by construction can lower lead levels in drinking water.

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- ✓ Remove all aerators first.
- ✓ Run **COLD** water from every faucet or tap in your entire house for at least 30 minutes.
- ✓ Start with taps in the basement or lowest floors and work your water up, opening all taps.
- ✓ Make sure drains are clear to prevent overflow.

2
WEEKS

HOW OFTEN

- Perform flushing every two weeks

30
MINS

FOR HOW LONG

- 30 minutes

3
MONTHS

WHEN TO STOP

- Flush for three (3) months following lead service line replacement work.

AERATOR CLEANING

Clean debris from your faucet aerators once a month after service line replacement. If aerators are old and worn, replace them with new ones.

Aerators should be replaced twice a year.

DON'T FORGET!

If no one has used the water for six hours or more, run your **COLD** tap to get fresh water in your pipes **BEFORE** using cold water for drinking, cooking, making baby formula, watering your pets, making ice, or watering vegetable gardens.

STEP-BY-STEP INTENSIVE FLUSHING

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FULL INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTENSIVE
FLUSHING AFTER LEAD SERVICE LINE
REPLACEMENT WORK

BEFORE YOU START

- Always use COLD water when you rinse the pipes.
- Locate all water faucets in the house where you can run the water without the sink or tub overflowing.
 - Include any laundry tubs and utility sinks.
 - Use showers that are not attached to bathtubs. Take off showerheads, if possible.
 - If a shower is attached to a bathtub, use the bathtub faucet.
- Take off aerators (or screens) from all faucets and showerheads.
 - If you can not remove these, do not use the faucet for rinsing the pipes.
- Make sure all drains are open and clear so water can flow freely down the drains.
 - NOTE: After you remove aerators/screens, quickly flowing water splashes and spray.

TURNING ON YOUR TAPS

- After all aerators/screens are off, open faucets in the basement or the lowest floor first.
 - Open COLD water faucets to let the water come out as fast as possible.
 - Keep the water running from all faucets at the highest rate possible.
- Go up to the next floor.
 - Open all COLD water faucets and let the water come out as fast as possible.
- Continue until you fully open COLD water faucets on all floors of your house.
- After ALL faucets are fully open, let the water run for 30 minutes.
 - *TIP: Save some water in buckets to wash your car or flowers. Never use it for food, pets, or in gardens used to grow food.*
- After 30 minutes, you can go to the basement or the lowest floor.
 - Turn off all the faucets.
 - Go to each floor and close the faucets in the order you opened them.
- Clean the aerators/screens and put them back on each faucet, replacing old or worn ones as needed.