

FLUSHING PROCEDURE FOLLOWING LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

To minimize potential exposure to lead following the replacement of the utility's service line when an existing lead service line remains on the customer's side, please follow these recommended procedures.

INITIAL FLUSHING & BI-WEEKLY FLUSHING PROCEDURES FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS

Initial flushing should be conducted immediately following service line work and bi-weekly (every two weeks) for the next three months. Flush all your faucets using these steps:

1. If possible, remove faucet screens from all cold water taps in the home.
2. Beginning in the lowest level of the home, fully open the cold water taps throughout the home.
3. Let the water run for at least 30 minutes at the last tap you opened (top floor).
4. Turn off each tap starting with the taps in the highest level of the home. Be sure to run water in bathtubs and showers as well as faucets.
5. Do not consume tap water, open hot water faucets, or use icemaker or filtered water dispenser until after flushing is complete.
6. Replace faucet screens, if removed for flushing.

REGULAR DAILY FLUSHING PROCEDURES FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS:

1. Each day for at least six months following the completion of the service line work, flush your plumbing for 5 to 10 minutes daily by opening at least one cold water faucet. This flushing can also be accomplished by showering or using outdoor irrigation.
2. It is recommended to remove and regularly clean faucet screens.

Consider having your water tested before returning to normal use of water for cooking and drinking activities.

If you would like to request a free analysis for lead in your water, please contact our laboratory at (859) 441-0482 during normal business hours.