



## Important Post Lead Pipe Replacement Information

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Lead particles remain in your plumbing after the lead pipe replacement. Follow these instructions to flush the lead particles out.

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### Immediately after new pipe is installed:

1. Flush the water through your outside hose-bib for 30 minutes. The faucet must be fully open to move the particles out with the water.
2. Flush tub and laundry room sink faucets for 10 minutes each with cold water, moving from the lowest floors to the upper floors.
3. Flush all faucets used for drinking or cooking for 10 minutes.
  - a. Remove the aerator (the screen traps particles!)
  - b. Open the cold water faucet to maximum flow (the water might spray, you can drape a towel over the faucet neck to minimize the spray)
  - c. Clean the aerator and screw back onto faucet.

**For 30 days after construction:** repeat Step #3 once per week.

(If the house is vacant for more than a week during this time, repeat Steps #2 and #3)

To minimize lead exposure, filter your cold tap water for all drinking and cooking purposes, including water used for making ice, beverages, and infant formula. Replace filter cartridges according to manufacturer's instructions.

(The cold water should be flushed for five minutes prior to filtering if you have not used the water for a few hours)

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DC Water will send a free lead test kit to your home 3 months following the replacement.  
Please follow the instructions or the test will not work.