

SOURCES OF LEAD

While the water Denver Water delivers to customers is lead-free, lead can get into water as it passes through internal plumbing or fixtures that contain lead, including faucets and copper pipe with lead solder.



1. Faucets

Fixtures and faucets installed prior to 2014 do not meet today's requirements for "lead-free" fixtures.

2. Copper pipe with lead solder

Before 1987, copper pipes were usually connected with solder that contained lead.

For more information on other sources of lead in your house, please visit colorado.gov/cdphe/lead-what-are-common-sources.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Flushing

If water has not been used in the property for a few hours, such as first thing in the morning or when coming home from work, then run cold water from the kitchen or any bathroom faucet for five minutes. You can also run the dishwasher, take a shower or do a load of laundry to help flush water in your home's internal plumbing before drinking, cooking or preparing infant formula.



Replace old fixtures

Replace faucets and indoor plumbing with “lead-free” components. Faucets and fixtures installed prior to 2014 do not meet today's requirements for “lead-free” fixtures.



Clean aerators

A faucet aerator is a small screen added to the end of a faucet to mix air with water to reduce the flow of water coming from the faucet. Remove and clean the aerators on your faucets, as they may have trapped particles from your old lead service line.



Maintain filters

Follow the manufacturer's maintenance schedule for the filtration system you have, including water pitchers, faucet-mounted filters, under-sink filter or refrigerator filters.



You can find instructional videos on flushing and filter use at denverwater.org/Lead or scan the QR code with your smartphone.



HEALTHY FAMILIES, HEALTHY HOMES

If you are concerned about your health or any health issues related to lead, please contact your primary care physician. Your local public health agency also may provide useful resources.

Denver Department of Public Health and Environment
denvergov.org/hfhh

Tri-County Health Department
tchd.org/282/Healthy-Homes

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/lead>

Colorado Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/lead-colorado-childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention-program

Colorado Lead Coalition
colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/lead-colorado-coalition