

JCMUA Lead Free JC Flushing and Filter Instructions

	Property Boundary Sidewalk	
Corporation Stop	Goaseneck Curb Stop	Internal Plumbing Shut-off Valve Water Meter
	Water Service Line	

Construction was performed at		
on	to replace the lead pipe	
delivering wat	er to your home.	
Water main to curb replaced with copper		
Curb to r	neter replaced with copper	

Household Flushing Instructions

After removing lead water lines, lead levels in the water can be temporarily elevated due to lead particles that may be trapped in the internal plumbing from replacement. Lead levels can be elevated for several months following replacement.

After work on your water line is completed it is important to flush the lines to remove debris that gets trapped in your water lines. To minimize lead exposure, the construction crew will flush the new service line using an outside spigot.

To protect your family, you should also flush indoor plumbing to remove any lead-containing particles and other debris that may have entered your plumbing during replacement by following these step-by-step instructions:

1. Remove aerators, or screens, from all faucets to clean and clear any trapped particles Unscrew the screen, separate the individual parts inside the screen, soak the parts in white vinegar for 5 minutes and gently scrub with a brush.



Aerator Cleaning: Clean debris from aerators (also called screens) 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.

- 2. Beginning with the lowest level of your home, fully open all faucets (highest flowrate possible) using **cold water only**, including at sinks, bathtubs, or showers, until all faucets are running in your home. Make sure that all water is draining properly from faucet locations.
- 3. Let the water run for at least 30 minutes at the last faucet opened, which should be on the top floor.
- 4. After 30 minutes, turn off each faucet starting at the bottom floor.
- 5. Reattach aerators.

For 30 Days After Construction...

If you have not used the water in a few hours, open the cold water faucet to maximum flow for 5 minutes before using for cooking/drinking.

If the water is not used for more than a week, repeat steps 1-5 on the reverse side.

Clean aerator weekly.

3-6 months after replacement you will receive a free lead test kit to test the water to see if the lead levels are below the EPA action limit for lead.

You should have received a water filter kit.

If you did not receive a pitcher after lead line replacement, please reach out to Lead Free JC Call Center at (201) 365-6189

Included in that kit are the following:



- Water pitcher
- A NSF-53 certified filter that lasts 6 months
- Instructions for proper use and maintenance

Tips

- Make sure to follow the instructions to get the filter property secured in the pitcher.
- This water filter pitcher is NSF-53 certified to filter lead from the drinking water if used properly
- Store filtered water in an extra container, so it's ready to use when you're ready to cook or make infant formula.
- Keep your water pitcher and any additional filtered water in a cool, dry, dark place, like the refrigerator, to help prevent mold and bacteria from growing.

For additional information go to **leadfreejc.com** or call (201) 365-6189.

