

HOW TO FLUSH YOUR DRINKING WATER

Step 1: Remove or bypass the filter on your faucet.

Some faucet filters have a valve that can pass the filter. If there is no valve, remove the filter. If you need help, call the Environmental Assistance Center.

Step 2: Flush cold water for five minutes.

Flush your kitchen faucet for at least five minutes each day. Other faucets in your house used for drinking, such as the water dispenser on your fridge or your bathroom faucet should be flushed every now and then. Let the water in cold water fixtures run for at least five minutes, shut it off and put the filter back on or move the valve so it filters water again.

Step 3: Clean the aerator.

This is a small round device on the end of you faucet that helps save water. Inside the aerator is a small screen that may trap lead-containing debris from the faucet. To clean your aerator, remove it from the faucet by firmly gripping the aerator and turning it. You may need to use pliers if you have trouble twisting it. After you remove it, turn your water on and clear any debris you see. If your aerator is rusty or in bad shape, consider getting a new one at your local hardware store (usually under \$10). After cleaning your aerator, screw it back onto the faucet.

REPEAT FLUSHING DAILY

Even if you are not drinking your water, you should flush water through the faucets in your house to build up a protective coating in your pipes. This coating will block lead from getting into your water. "Flush" basically means letting the water run. *The more water that flushes through your system, the sooner your pipes will be coated.*

What to do if you have lead in your water:

Your result	Drinking, cooking, washing fruits and vegetables	Children under 6 years old and pregnant women	Washing dishes, clothes, and cleaning your house	Bathing	Brushing teeth
Above 150 PPB	Use ONLY bottled water	Use ONLY bottled water for formula, drinking, or making any other food product regardless of the result of your water test	OK to use unfiltered water	OK to bathe in unfiltered water.	Kids: Bottled water ONLY Adults: Filtered or bottled water
Below 150 PPB	OK to use filtered water			Keep children from getting bath water in their mouths.	Kids and Adults: OK to use filtered or bottled water

EVERYONE TAKE ACTION

- Clean aerators
- Use NSF certified filters on drinking water taps
- Replace filters regularly
- Do **not** filter hot water
- Flush drinking water
- Sample your water
- Replace aging faucets



When will these extra actions end?

The sentinel program was developed to assess the effectiveness of the corrosion control treatment and its impact on lead and copper results. Thank you to the homeowners in Flint that joined this program in February 2016. The program included a home plumbing inspection and training on how to sample water.

Residents will be notified when filtering and other activities are no longer necessary.

WATER RESOURCE SITES

Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Free bottles of water, water filters, replacement cartridges, and home water testing kits are available at these locations.

Fire Station #1
310 East 5th St.
Flint, MI 48502

Fire Station #5
3402 Western Rd.
Flint, MI 48506

Fire Station #8
202 East Atherton Rd.
Flint, MI 48507

Fire Station #3
1525 Martin Luther King Ave.
Flint, MI 48503

Fire Station #6
716 West Pierson Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

WATER FILTER PICKUP LOCATIONS

Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Michigan Department of
Health and Human Services
125 E. Union St.
Flint, MI 48502

Genesee County Community
Action Resource Department
2727 Lippincott
Flint, MI 48507

Flint City Hall
101 Saginaw St #310
Flint, MI 48502

Michigan Department of
Health and Human Services
4809 Clio Road
Flint, MI 48504

Genesee County Community
Action Resource Department
601 N. Saginaw
Flint, MI 48502

Visit www.michigan.gov/flintwater for water test results, videos on water testing and aerator cleaning, and all environmental issues. For further assistance, contact the State of Michigan Environmental Assistance Center at **1-800-662-9278** or deq-assist@michigan.gov. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.