

# I May Have Lead (Pb) In My Water

## What Can I Do?

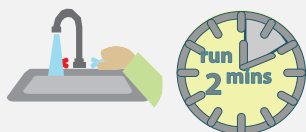
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Flushing pipes is very important to remove lead in water that has been sitting for several hours.

**NOTE: Boiling water does NOT remove lead in your water.**

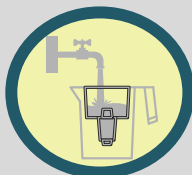
### Step 1 - Flush Water

Run cold water at the highest flow from the kitchen faucet for 2 minutes.



### Step 2

Pour fresh water into a filtered pitcher.



### Step 3

Use the filtered water for drinking, cooking, and baby formula. Store additional filtered water for use throughout the day.



### Can I Take a Shower or Wash My Hands?

It is okay for water with lead in it to touch your skin. You can still wash your hands and take a bath using unfiltered water.



### Can I Brush My Teeth?

Make sure you brush your teeth with filtered or bottled water.



### Can I Wash Dishes?

You can still wash and dry the dishes and stay safe! Dishes will not soak up the lead in the water.



### Can I Wash Clothes?

Lead will not soak into clothes. If the water with lead in it does get into your clothes, it will not make you sick if the clothes touch your skin.



### Can I Give My Pet Water?

ONLY give your pet water that is safe for you to drink! Make sure to give your pet filtered or bottled water.



### Can I Water My Garden?

You can use the water flushed from the tap to water plants.



Regularly clean your faucet aerators.



An aerator is a device attached to the tip of a faucet.



It's important to clean faucet aerators and screens to remove small particles and any debris from them.

