

GUIDE TO FLUSHING FOLLOWING LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

Your lead water service line was replaced within the past 24 hours. The disturbance caused by the replacement process can temporarily increase lead levels in your drinking water. Proper flushing of your home's plumbing system is essential to remove debris, particulates, and lead sediment, ensuring your water is safe for use.

To further protect you and your household, a water filter certified to remove lead has also been provided. This filter is effective for six months and comes with detailed instructions for installation and use.

Flushing Instructions After Lead Service Line Replacement

- 1. Locate All Faucets:** Identify every faucet in your home, including those in the basement and on all floors. Be sure to include laundry tubs, hose bibs, bathtubs, and showers as flushing points.
- 2. Prepare Faucets:** Remove aerators and screens from all faucets you plan to flush, including showerheads, if possible. This step helps prevent debris from clogging the aerators and ensures effective flushing.
- 3. Start Flushing:** Begin at the lowest floor of your home (usually the basement). Open all faucets fully and allow cold water to run at the highest rate possible. Once all faucets on the lowest floor are open, move to the next highest floor and repeat the process. Continue until all faucets in the house are running.
- 4. Flush for 30 Minutes:** Once all faucets are open, allow the water to run continuously for at least 30 minutes. This ensures the entire plumbing system is thoroughly flushed.
- 5. Turn Off Faucets in Order:** After 30 minutes, begin turning off the faucets in the same order you opened them, starting with the first faucet and working your way to the last.
- 6. Clean or Replace Aerators and Screens:** Inspect and clean the aerators and screens from each faucet. If they are old or worn, consider replacing them to maintain optimal water flow and quality.
- 7. Mini-Flush for Routine Maintenance:** After periods of stagnation (6 hours or more), run water from a faucet for at least 5 minutes before using it. This helps maintain water quality between flushes.

Next Steps

Change in Ownership:

If there is a change in ownership or tenancy within six months of the lead service line replacement, please notify the City of Lafayette as soon as possible to ensure proper communication and follow-up regarding water safety measures.

Water Sampling:

The City of Lafayette will contact you within six months to provide water testing opportunities. However, if you would like to request water sampling now, please contact the City of Lafayette Water Works directly at 765-807-1700.

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