MAINTAINING QUALITY
DRINKING WATER
IN YOUR HOME

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A Shared Responsibility

Maintaining drinking water quality is a shared responsibility between the water supplier and the resident.

We're Committed to...

- Protecting public health and wellness.
- Delivering the same clean, high-quality water we've always delivered.
- Providing greater public education.

In order to maintain or improve water quality at home, there are a few things you should remember to do on a regular basis:
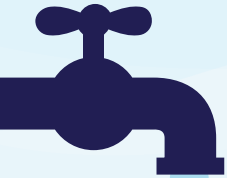
Remove and Clean Your Aerator Every 6 Months.

The aerator is that screen on the end of your faucet, and it's important to remove it and clean it every six months.

Rubber Washer

Aerator

Aerator Housing
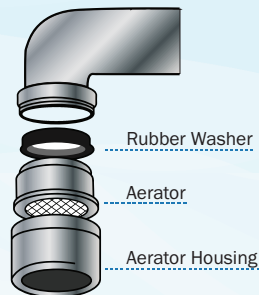
Also, if you have any plumbing work done, remove and clean the aerators on every faucet to get rid of particles that build up.

Flush Water that Has Been Sitting in Your Pipes.

Overnight, water sits stagnant in your pipes. And the longer it sits there, the more metal it may contain. So, flush your pipes by running the cold water for several minutes before you use it.

Replace Faucets, Fittings or Valves From Before 2014.

Even if marked 'lead-free,' faucets, fittings and valves sold before 2014 may contain higher levels of lead than the current tolerance of 0.25%. It might be time to upgrade.

2014

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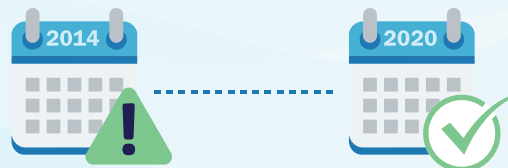
Drink and Cook With Cold Water

Only use cold water for drinking or cooking. Hot water can sit for long periods of time in a hot water heater and could contain dissolved metals.

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