

# Important Health Information

**Landlords and Renters:  
Please ensure all residents in the household receive this information.**

Toronto Water has recently replaced the City-owned portion of the lead water pipe that runs from the water main under the street to your property line.

There are two parts to your water pipe:

- the City-owned portion, which has just been replaced, and
- the pipe running from your property line into your home, which is your responsibility.

Toronto Public Health strongly recommends that you replace your portion of the lead pipe. This will reduce the potential for exposure to lead in water.

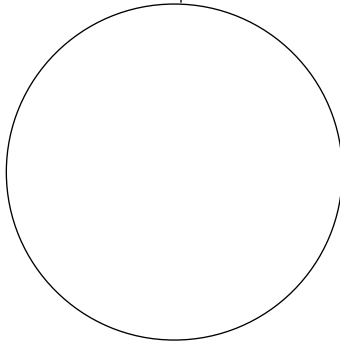
To protect your health after the replacement of the City-owned portion of lead pipe, follow the steps on the back of this card before using your water.



Lead and drinking water

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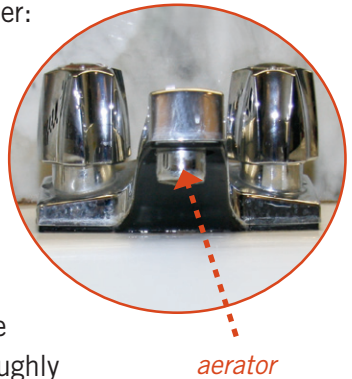


## Important steps to take after lead pipe replacement

Particles of lead may have come loose when the new pipe was installed. This may cause a temporary increase in the lead levels in your drinking water.

**BEFORE** using any hot or cold water:

1. Go to the lowest tap in your house (usually in the basement)
2. Run the cold water tap for 15 minutes to remove any loose particles
3. Remove all faucet aerators (see photo) in your home and thoroughly rinse them to remove any lead particles that may be trapped



### You are at higher risk if you:

- are pregnant
- make infant formula with tap water
- or have children under the age of six.

If you are in one of these groups, you should install an NSF-053-certified filter for lead reduction.

*If only the City-owned portion of your pipe has been replaced:*

Rinse your aerators regularly for three months. Continue using the filter until you are not in the at-risk groups described above.

*If both portions of your lead pipe have been replaced:*

Rinse your aerators regularly for three months, and if you are in the at-risk groups described above, use your filter for three months.

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