



Sources of Lead in

Drinking Water



Faucets

Fixtures inside your home may contain lead.



Galvanized Pipe

Lead particles can attach to the surface of galvanized pipes. Over time, the particles can enter your drinking water, causing elevated lead levels.



Copper Pipe with Lead Solder

Solder made or installed before 1986 contained high lead levels.



Lead Goose Necks

Goose necks and pigtails are shorter pipes that connect the lead service line to the main.

Lead Service Line

The service line is the pipe that runs from the water main to the home's internal plumbing. Lead service lines can be a major source of lead contamination in water.



Reduce Your Exposure to Lead



Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.



Consider using a water filter certified to remove lead and know when it's time to replace the filter.



Before drinking, flush your pipes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes.



Lead in homes can also come from sources other than water. If you live in a home built before 1978, you may want to have your paint **tested** for lead.