

FILTER & FLUSHING BEST PRACTICES



Follow these best practices following replacement of your lead service line.



Filter all water used for drinking, cooking, or preparing food. This includes preparation of baby formula.



Fill your pitcher using cold water



Create a reminder to replace your filter cartridge regularly



Filtered water is not needed for showering, washing dishes, or watering plants



Review and follow the manufacturer's instructions included with your filter



START FLUSHING AT THE LOWEST LEVEL



Remove aerators from all faucets that will be flushed. If the aerator cannot be removed, skip that faucet when flushing.



Starting at the lowest level of the home, turn on all **cold water** taps to the fully open position. This includes bathtubs, bathroom sinks, laundry sinks, and kitchen sinks.



Once all taps are open, set a timer for **30 minutes**.



Make sure sinks do not overflow! Monitor the drainage during the flushing.



After **30 minutes**, turn off in the same order they were turned on (i.e., lowest floor first). Reinstall aerators.



DO NOT FLUSH:

- Location with a dedicated filter (i.e., a filter that cannot be bypassed)
- Faucets where the aerator cannot be removed (e.g., if rusted).



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