

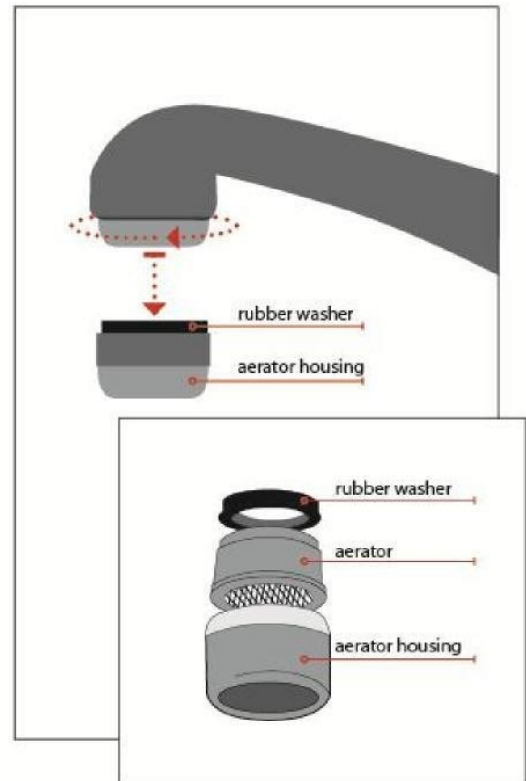
After major construction or lead service line replacement:

It is especially important to flush your faucets after construction in front of your home, if you've had your service line replaced, or after a water main break.

There is no lead in the water delivered through Eau Claire's system. However, it can get into the water if your home service lines or internal plumbing contain lead. Following construction activities, lead particles and other debris can get trapped in your household plumbing. To protect your family, you should flush internal plumbing to reduce the amount of lead-containing particles and any other debris that may have entered your home.

Please flush all of your faucets using these steps:

1. Remove faucet aerators, or screens, from all cold-water taps. To clear the screen of debris:
 - a. Unscrew the screen.
 - b. Separate the individual parts.
 - c. Remove any sediment build-up on the screen and other parts. If needed, soak in white vinegar for a few minutes and scrub with a brush.
2. Beginning in the lowest level of your home, fully open all cold water taps, including faucets, bathtubs and showers.
3. Let the water run for at least 30 minutes at the last tap opened, which should be on the top floor. (You may want to collect this water for plants, cleaning or other household uses.)
4. Turn off each tap starting with the taps on the top floor.
5. Reassemble and reattach parts to the faucet.



For the next 30 days remove the aerator and flush at least one faucet for a couple of minutes every day.

A few other tips:

- Use cold water for drinking and cooking. Run the cold tap to get fresh, COLD water if no one has used the water for 6 hours or more
- Use a filter on your faucets if someone in your home is pregnant or younger than six.
- Also, consider replacing faucets and indoor plumbing with "lead-free" components.

For more information, visit eauclairewi.gov/government/our-divisions/utilities or call (715) 839-5045

