

IS LEAD IN YOUR PLUMBING?

Lead can enter your drinking water through older pipes, solder, and plumbing fixtures in your home. While CVWD hasn't found lead service lines in its system, if your house was built before 1986, there may be lead fittings in your plumbing.

Health concerns

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects.

Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Have your water tested

Contact your water utility about free testing programs, or send a sample to a certified lab. Testing is the only sure way to know your lead levels.

Find out if you have a lead service line

Locate where the water line enters your home. Scratch the pipe surface with a coin — if it turns shiny silver, it may be lead. A magnet will not stick to lead.

Have your plumbing inspected

A licensed plumber can check for lead solder, brass fittings, and other sources of lead throughout your home's plumbing system.



PROTECT YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Run the tap

Flush cold water for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before drinking, especially if water has been sitting for several hours.

Clean aerators

Remove and clean faucet aerators monthly to clear trapped lead particles.

Use cold water

Always use cold water for drinking and cooking. Hot water dissolves more lead from pipes.

Filter your water

Use an NSF-certified filter rated for lead removal. Follow the manufacturer's schedule for replacing cartridges.

Visit www.nsf.org for certified products.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Your Local Water Agency

Crescenta Valley Water District

www.cvwd.com

818-248-3925

CDC

www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead

Drinktap.org

www.drinktap.org

EPA

www.epa.gov/lead

NSF International

www.nsf.org

1-800-NSF-MARK

LET'S GET THE LEAD OUT!

Replace lead plumbing

A certified plumber can identify and replace lead solder joints, brass fixtures, and other lead-containing components in your home.

Investing in lead-free plumbing protects your family's health for years to come.



KEEP YOUR WATER SAFE

Test Your Water

Check Pipes and Plumbing

Protect Your Household

Get the Lead Out!

