

Run to Restore: Flushing Pipes to Aid in Flint Water System Recovery

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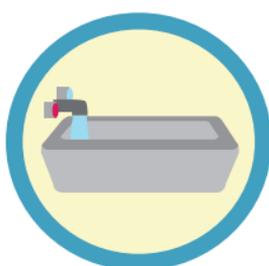
Flushing pipes is very important to remove loose lead particles and to coat pipes with orthophosphate.

Begin following these steps on May 1.

There will be no cost to residents.

Step 1

Run cold water at the highest flow
in the bathtub* for 5 minutes.



No showerhead
Flow too low



*If you do not have a bathtub, run cold water at highest flow from a laundry tub or garden hose.

Step 2

Run cold water at the highest flow
from the kitchen faucet for 5 minutes.

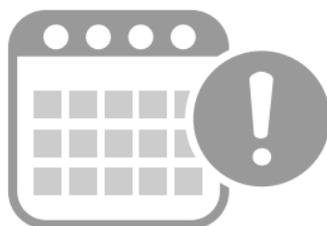


Flip lever to bypass filter
or remove filter first-
then reinstall.



Step 3

Do this every day
for 14 days.



Watch the water draining to avoid
overflow of sinks or tubs.

EPA continues to recommend Flint residents drink filtered water. Sensitive populations (pregnant women, breastfeeding women & children under 6) should continue to use bottled water until further notice.

