

Recommended Actions

These actions will help you reduce lead in your drinking water. If you need further technical assistance please contact DOH.

- For each fixture with lead results equal to or over 20 ppb, we recommend that you:
 - Take the fixture out of service or make it inaccessible to students and staff.
 - Take flush samples to determine where the lead is coming from (the fixture or plumbing system).
 - Replace fixtures with certified lead-free fixtures or remove the fixtures permanently if they are not needed. You can provide bottled water to students and staff on an interim basis while you are replacing fixtures if necessary.
 - If you plan to replace fixtures, contact DOH to discuss the steps you can take to ensure the water is safe to drink before returning it to use.

- For each fixture with lead results between 10 and 19 ppb we recommend that you choose one or more of the following:
 - Replace fixtures with certified lead-free fixtures or remove the fixtures permanently if they are not needed. You can provide bottled water to students and staff on an interim basis while you are replacing fixtures if necessary.
 - Implement a flushing program to help reduce lead levels that may increase while fixtures are not in use.
 - Clean aerators regularly to remove particulates that may contain lead.
 - Install a National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified filter to remove lead and replace it as recommended by the manufacturer.
 - Permanently convert these fixtures to hand wash only stations. An example of a hand wash only graphic is available [here](#).
 - Remove the fixture permanently.
 - If you plan to replace fixtures, contact DOH to discuss the steps you can take to ensure the water is safe to drink before returning it to use.

- For each fixture with lead results between 2 and 9 ppb we recommend that you:
 - Implement a flushing program to help reduce lead levels that may increase while fixtures are not in use.
 - Clean aerators regularly to remove particulates that may contain lead.