Water Use Tips



How to reduce the risk of lead intake



If water has been standing in pipes for a long time (for instance, after several hours or overnight),

the tap should be run for two minutes or longer* before using it for drinking or cooking.

The flushed water could be saved and used for purposes other than drinking and cooking.

As hot water increases the amount of lead that may leach from pipes and fittings, only water from a cold water tap should be used for drinking or cooking.



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For water supply system using other pipe materials without solder joints such as stainless steel pipes, lined galvanised steel pipes or copper pipes with compression joints, the risk of having excess lead in drinking water should be low.

If water has been standing in the pipes longer (for instance, over a weekend or after a holiday when the plumbing system has not been used), you need to run the water for longer time.

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