

# **Properly Used Filters Protect from Lead in Water**

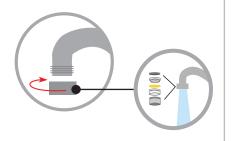
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### **Installing Your Filter & Replacement Cartridges**

#### STEP 1:

Remove aerator from faucet.



### **STEP 2:**

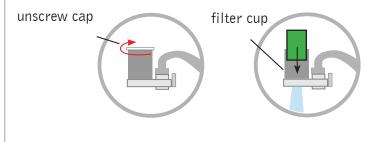
Determine if you need an adaptor. Some faucet mounted base units require an adaptor. See filter manual for more details.

## **STEP 3:**

Attach the base system to the faucet. To attach, some units are twist-on and some are snap-on.

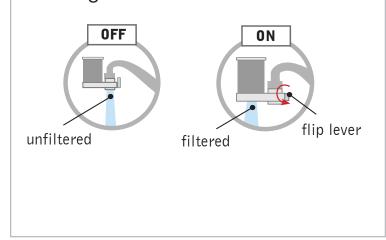
### **STEP 4:**

Insert filter cartridge (or replacement) into filter cup.



## **STEP 5:**

Run cold water through the filter for 5 minutes to flush and activate the cartridge.





Look for the NSF/ANSI 53 Certification Mark to reduce lead.

# **Using Filters**

- ▶ DO check if it is NSF Certified to remove lead.
- ➤ DO run only cold water through the filter.
- ► DO drink & brush teeth with filtered water.
- ▶ DO check indicator often.

# Remember:

- ► DON'T cook with unfiltered water.
- ➤ DON'T run hot water through the filter.
- ▶ Boiling Water DOES NOT Remove Lead

# Change replaceable cartridge when indicator\* turns red ().

- green=cartridge working
- yellow=change cartridge soon
- red=change cartridge now
- \* Indicators will vary. See your filter manual.

### What else should I do?

# **Every morning**

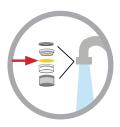
Run unfiltered cold water for at least 5 minutes to flush the pipes.





### Every week

Clean the aerators in all faucets and clean the screens in your water filters.





remove filter unit, turn up-side-down and gently tap out any debris after use