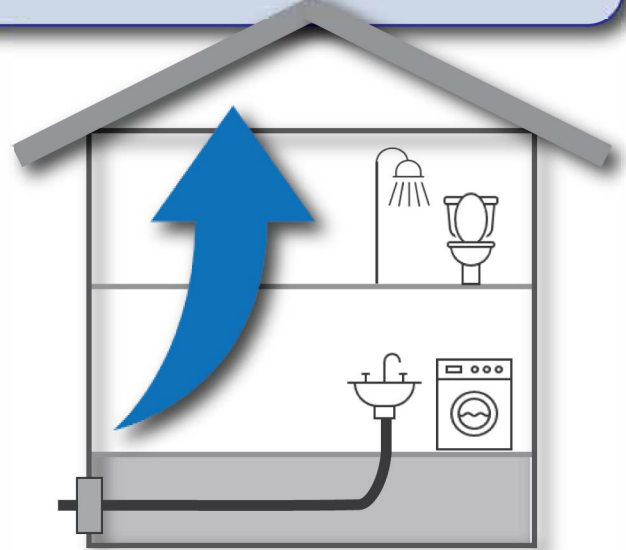


Flushing after Your Service Line Replacement

After a service line is replaced, it is important to flush all interior plumbing in your home the same day. This will remove any debris that may have entered pipes during the replacement process. Subsequent flushing should be done **every two weeks** for three months. **DO NOT USE HOT WATER** from your home's plumbing until initial flushing is completed to prevent debris from settling in your hot water heater.

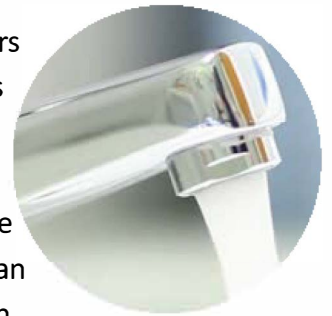
Flushing Instructions

1. Find all the faucets in your house that will drain (don't forget basement faucets).
2. Remove aerators and screens whenever possible from all faucets and showerheads you plan to flush.
3. Include laundry machines, hose-bibs, bathtubs, and showers as flushing points.
4. After all the aerators are removed, turn on the faucets in the lowest floor of your house. Leave all faucets running at the highest rate possible using cold water.
5. After the faucets on lowest floor are running, turn on the faucets on next highest floor of the house. Continue until faucets are running on all floors.
6. After all faucets are opened, leave the water running for at least 30 minutes.
7. After 30 minutes, turn off the first faucet you opened and continue to turn off other faucets in the same order you turned them on.
8. Clean aerators/screens at each faucet. You may need to replace aerators/screens that are too old or worn.



Cleaning Aerators

1. Remove faucet aerators and clean out particles that may have accumulated. The aerator is usually at the tip of the faucet and can be screwed off to clean.
2. After your service line is replaced, clean debris from aerators and screens once a month for six months. After six months, clean debris twice a year.



Daily Mini-Flushing

After a service line replacement is completed, perform daily mini-flushes by running water through your home's pipes for **at least 5 minutes** before drinking, cooking, preparing infant formula, or other water consumption. This can include taking a shower, running a dishwasher, watering plants, or simply running the faucet. Perform flushing any time water has been sitting in the pipes for 6 hours or longer. Daily mini-flushes should **continue for 6 months** or until sample results show the lead level is below regulatory guidelines. To schedule lead and copper sampling 3 to 6 months following your service line replacement, contact CFPWA at 910-332-6932 or at CFPUA.org/ServiceLines.