



Dear Valued Ferguson Supply Customer:

On January 4, 2011, the *Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act Public Law 111-380*, was signed into Federal law and will go into effect on January 4, 2014. The law requires the lead content not to exceed a .025% weighted average; this is a revision from the original law that was acted upon on August 6, 1998. The law indicates that **“no person may use any pipe, any pipe or plumbing fitting or fixture, any solder, or flex, in the installation or repair of any public water system or any plumbing in a residential or non residential facility providing water for human consumption that is not lead free.”**

Please see attached copy that identifies products that are under this new law.

Ferguson Supply Company Return Policy

As of January 1 2014, Ferguson Supply will no longer accept return product that cannot be used in potable water systems. Ferguson Supply will honor any orders or quotes through this date; as long as they are available; however we will not be able to honor pricing or ship product that does not meet the new law after January 4, 2014.

Thank you,

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How to Identify Lead-Free Certification Marks for Drinking Water System & Plumbing Materials

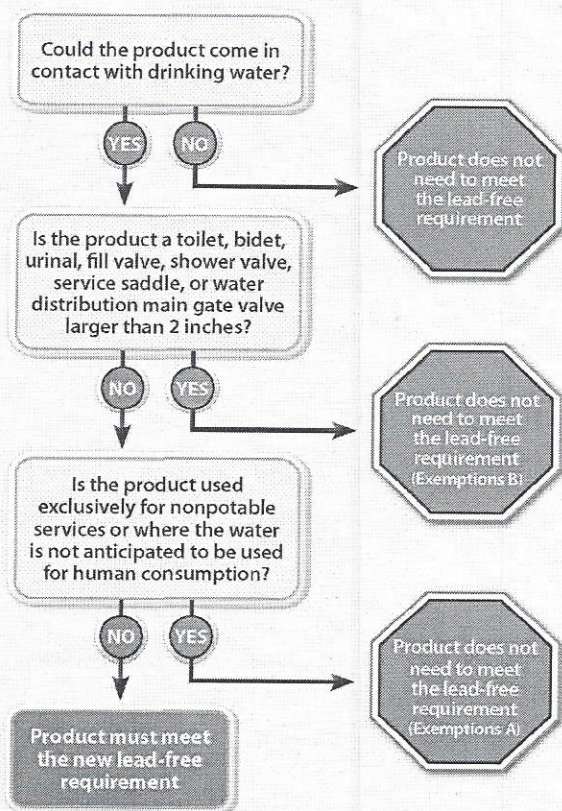


What is the new lead-free requirement?

In 2011, the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act was signed into law. The Act has reduced the lead content allowed in drinking water system and plumbing materials by changing the definition of "lead-free" in Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Although the law doesn't go into effect until January 4, 2014, some entities have been preparing for the change.

How do I know which products must meet the new lead-free requirement?

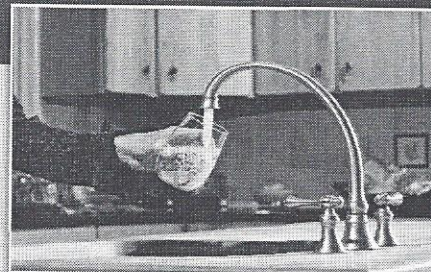
Starting January 4, 2014, the prohibitions on use and introduction into commerce will apply to all pipe, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures (henceforth referred to as "products"), including stocked inventories that have not been installed. This includes coated or uncoated brass or bronze materials. By using the flowchart below as a guide, you can determine if a product must meet the new lead-free requirement:



Lead-Free Requirement Exemptions

(A) The new requirement does not apply to pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, or fixtures, including backflow preventers, that are used exclusively for **nonpotable services**, such as manufacturing, industrial processing, irrigation, outdoor watering, or any other uses where the water is not anticipated to be used for human consumption.

(B) The new requirement does not apply to toilets, bidets, urinals, fill valves, flushometer valves, tub fillers, shower valves, service saddles, or water distribution main gate valves 2 inches in diameter or larger.



The term "**lead-free**" has been updated from not more than 8% lead content to mean "**not more than a weighted average of 0.25% lead when used with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and fixtures.**"

Is lead-free certification required for products?

There is no mandatory federal requirement for product testing or third-party certification under the Safe Drinking Water Act; however, some entities may require certification.* Consumers can increase their level of confidence by purchasing products with a mark indicating that they have been certified by an accredited third-party certification body as meeting the new lead-free requirement.

Products that have not been certified may still meet the new lead-free requirement. If you are unable to determine if a product is lead-free, contacting the manufacturer is the best way to confirm the lead content.

**Although other states have laws pertaining to the lead content in products, California is currently the only state that has a Bill (SB 1334) requiring certification. However, there may be local laws or entities in other states that require it.*

How to identify products that are certified as lead-free

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