STEP-BY-STEP How to filter your tap water with a faucet-mounted filter

Most water filters are made to reduce lead, but filters do not guarantee **all** lead will be removed from your tap water. One way to reduce lead in your water is to use a filter certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 for lead reduction and NSF/ANSI Standard 42 for particulate reduction (Class I).

It is important to follow the directions that come with the filter to install and maintain it properly. Faucet-mounted filters do not work for pull-down faucets. If your faucet is not compatible, a water filter pitcher should be used instead.





INSTALLING YOUR FILTER

Many sink faucets have a screen, also known as an aerator – it's a small end piece for the faucet with a mesh disk. To attach your faucet-mounted filter, you need to unscrew the screen from your faucet. Your filter kit comes with adapters and rubber rings (called gaskets) in different sizes. Try out the different adapters to find the one that fits your faucet best. Once you find it, take it off and put on the rubber ring that fits, then screw the adapter onto your faucet.

Follow directions from the kit to install the filter cartridge and the filter.

USING YOUR FILTER



When you use your faucet-mounted filter – for the first time ONLY – run cold water through your filter according to the manufacturer instructions. Then, each time you use the filter, run cold water for **five seconds** to activate the filter.

There is a lever on the side of your filter. The filter is active only when the lever is in the "on" position. When it is off, you are NOT using your filter.

Never run hot water through your filter because it will damage the filter.

CHANGING YOUR FILTER

Each time you use your water filter, a light will flash on the front six times.



GREEN means your filter is working.

YELLOW means your filter is working but you will need to change it soon.

RED means it is time to change your filter.

To change your filter:



Unscrew the top of the filter unit. Take out the old filter.



Unwrap the new filter and put it in the top of the filter unit.



Turn the cartridge so the "front" arrow on the cartridge lines up with the logo on the front of the filter.



Screw on the top of the filter unit.

WHEN SHOULD I USE FILTERED WATER?

Use filtered cold water for:



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