

# LEAD IN PLUMBING SUPPLIES NOTICE FOR STATE OF VERMONT

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## Notice:

Plumbing components used in Perlick products may contain lead above specified limits as defined by the state of Vermont. Lead is very dangerous to humans, especially to young children and pregnant women.

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## To reduce the risk of lead exposure from drinking water, you should:

- Use **ONLY** cold water from the tap or cold-only position of your single-lever faucet for cooking, drinking, and making infant formula. Run the water until it is as cold as it gets if you have not used the tap for six or more hours.
- The Vermont Department of Health Laboratory sells test kits for lead in water for \$12.00. You can order a kit by calling (800) 660-9997 (Vermont only) or (802) 863-7335.
- You should also wash your hands after touching any lead-containing object or surface, and wash work clothing separately after exposure to lead on the job.

Other sources of lead exposure include lead-based paint, outdoor soil, some consumer products (such as glazed pottery and hand tools

manufactured abroad), and certain types of work done by a family member (such as stained glass hobby work and home pottery glazing). Exposure to small amounts of lead—often by hand-to-mouth (fishing weights, gun shot) or product-to-mouth (children's and other low-cost jewelry) contact – can cause permanent damage to the brain and result in life-long lower IQ scores, among other effects. Lead exposure may also increase the risk of school failure and behavior problems.

A blood test is the only way to tell if a person has been exposed to lead. All children ages one and two should be tested for lead. If you live in a house or apartment built before 1978 – and especially before 1960 – it may well contain lead paint; be sure to maintain older homes in good condition, clean them in a lead-safe way, and use lead-safe practices when making repairs, especially when removing paint from any painted surface. Safe paint removal methods can be purchased in hardware and home improvement stores.

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***For more information, call the Vermont Department of Health at (800) 439-8550 (Vermont only) or (802) 863-7220, or log onto <http://healthvermont.gov/enviro/lead/lead.aspx>.***

***For information on which Perlick plumbing components do or may contain lead above specified limits, ask your Perlick Representative.***

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