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LEAD & DRINKING WATER: CLEANING YOUR AERATORS

Lead in tap water typically comes from the pipe connecting older homes to the water system, or from plumbing within the home itself. Protect your household from lead in your tap water by periodically cleaning your faucet aerators. Aerators are small attachments at the tips of faucets which regulate the flow of water. Over time, tiny particles of lead can break off and get trapped in the aerator baskets, eventually contaminating the water.

HERE'S HOW TO CLEAN YOUR AERATOR

1. **Unscrew** the screen.
2. **Separate** the individual parts.
3. **Remove** any sediment (mineral or rust build up) on the screen and other parts. If necessary, soak the parts in white vinegar for a few minutes and scrub with a brush.
4. **Reassemble** the screen parts and reattach to faucet.

More information on cleaning your aerator can be found on the American Water Works Association site at drinktaps.org.

Find more information on lead at missouriamwater.com.

