

## BOIL ORDER FLUSHING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the boil order is lifted, users should flush their water system. American Water Works Association (AWWA) flushing recommendations supported by the City:

1. As required, remove faucet aerators, or screens, from all cold water taps or fixtures. To clear the aerator or screen: (Figure 1)
  - a. Unscrew the screen.
  - b. Separate the individual parts.
  - c. Remove any sediment build-up on the screen and other parts. If needed, soak in white vinegar for a few minutes and scrub with a brush.
2. Beginning in the lower level of your home, fully open all cold water taps, including faucets, bathtubs, showers, and outside hose bibs.
3. Let the water run for at least 30 seconds to 3 minutes at the farthest tap opened, which should be on the top floor.
4. Turn off each tap starting with the taps on the top floor.
5. Reassemble and reattach parts to the faucet.

After the initial flushing, the AWWA recommends and the City encourages utilizing a filter for drinking water and cooking water for four months, particularly if you are pregnant or have children under age six. Make sure the filter is independently certified to remove lead, meeting NSF Standard 53. In addition, if your water hasn't been used for several hours, run the water through the faucet for three to five minutes to flush the service line. This flushing will bring fresh water into the premise from the water main and thereby remove any lead that may have dissolved into the water stored in the premise plumbing and service line.

**If you have any questions or need further information, please call the City of Bloomington Water Department at 309-434-2400, Monday - Friday, 7:30a.m. - 4:30p.m., or the Bloomington Police Department non-emergency number at 309-820-8888 outside of those hours.**

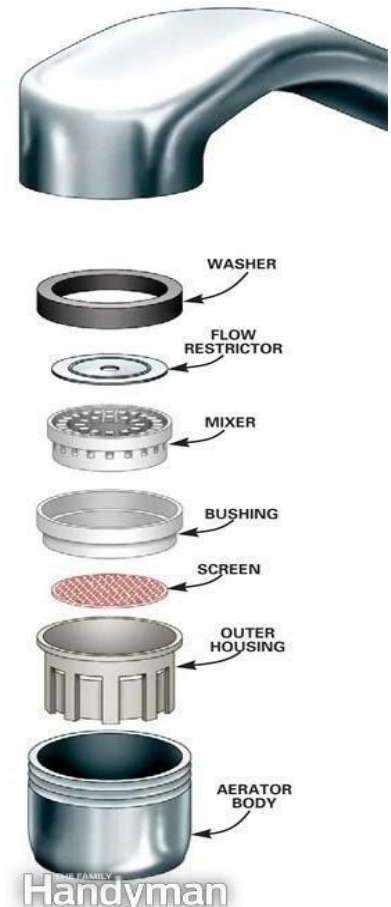


Figure 1: Parts of faucet aerator