

1. Whole-House Flushing:

Whole-house flushing should be performed after the plumbing work is completed and BEFORE using any water. Make sure your icemaker and any other water-using appliances are turned off and do not use any hot water until after performing the Whole-House Flushing instructions below.

Whole-House Flushing Instructions

Before drinking or using water or making ice, flush all your COLD water faucets following these steps:

1. Locate all cold water faucets in the house where you can run the water without the sink or tub overflowing. Include all sinks and bathtub faucets as flushing points. For showers attached to bathtubs, use the tub faucet as a flushing point and do not run water through the showerhead. If the shower is NOT attached to a bathtub AND the showerhead can be removed, include the shower as a flushing point. Set any home water treatment devices, like water softeners, to bypass mode.
2. Remove aerators (screens) from faucets and remove showerheads.
3. Beginning in the lowest level of the home, fully open the cold water faucets throughout the home.
4. Let the water run for at least 30 minutes at the last faucet you opened (top floor). All faucets should remain on during the flush.
5. Do not consume tap water, open hot water faucets, or use icemaker or filtered water dispenser until after flushing is complete.
6. Turn off each faucet starting with the faucets in the highest level of the home.
7. Reattach faucet aerators and showerheads. Clean any debris from aerators before reattachment.
8. *If your lead or galvanized service line was replaced, repeat this procedure every 2 weeks for 3 months.*