



WeAreLeadFree.net

Are you Ready to Make the Change to Lead Free*?

What is Lead Free?

California and Vermont have adopted new standards for lead in pipes, fittings and fixtures used to convey water for drinking or cooking that require the surfaces of such products that are contacted by water to have a weighted average lead content equal to or less than 0.25%.

Do these changes affect all plumbing products?

No. The laws are specific to applications in which the water is intended for drinking or cooking. Applications such as radiant heating, irrigation and industrial processing are not affected.

What is the timing for these new laws?

The new California and Vermont standards take effect January 1, 2010 and prohibit the specification, sale and installation of any non-compliant products. Additionally, Vermont requires merchants to display information on the effects of lead at point of sale between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

How do I know if a product is compliant?

California will require 3rd party certification of products by ANSI accredited testing agencies, such as NSF, to ensure compliance. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control will also conduct product testing. Vermont does not require certification as of January 2009.



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How will these laws be enforced?

California has included these new regulations as part of the California Health and Safety Code (116875), but does not outline specifics as to enforcement. Vermont refers violations to the attorney general's office and specifies up to a \$10,000 fine.

How do I make the change to Lead Free products?

We've outlined a 3-step process:

1. Get the Facts.

- Understand the new laws in your area.

2. Make a Plan.

- Identify your products affected by the new regulations
- Identify which products are already compliant
- Non-compliant products will need to be changed
- Update relevant specification language to require Lead Free products
- Review inventory levels in preparation for transition
- Determine if you need to provide point of purchase notification
- Prepare educational materials for your customers

3. Make the Change

Our Goal: To Help You Respond

Watts Water Technologies, Inc. and its affected brands are in the forefront of the Lead Free* movement in our industry. We've done our homework and are ready to work with you to respond to requirements in California, Vermont and beyond.

We're Rolling Out a Full Line of Lead Free Products

In addition to the products we already manufacture that meet the new Lead Free requirements, we will also make available a complete line of Lead Free products for sale by mid-year 2009.

Stay Informed

We have launched a new informational web site, WeAreLeadFree.net, to keep you informed about ongoing Lead Free activities. Visit the site today to view our overview video and sign up for email alerts.

Features of WeAreLeadFree.net:

- News and feature stories on Lead Free initiatives around the U.S.
- An interactive map showing the status of Lead Free initiatives nationwide
- Downloadable catalogs of all Watts Water Technologies affected brands Lead Free products will be available Q2 2009
- And more...

*The wetted surface of Lead Free products contacted by consumable water contain less than one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of lead by weight.



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