



WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER

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Identifying Water Service Line Materials



Lead

A dull, silver-gray color that may be easily scratched using a coin. Strong magnets will not cling to lead pipes.

Copper

The color of a copper penny.



Plastic

Rigid pipe that is joined with clamps. Plastic pipe comes in many colors such as white, blue, red, grey, green or black.

Galvanized

A dull, silver-gray color. Strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.

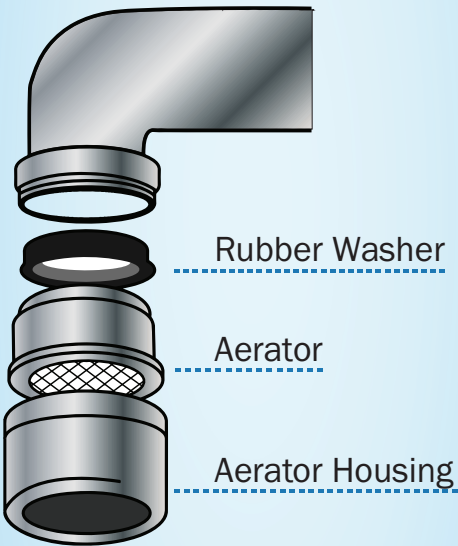


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How To Remove and Clean Aerators

An aerator is the screen on the end of a faucet. It is important to remove and clean it every six months, or after any plumbing work. Here are the steps to clean an aerator:

1. Unscrew the aerator from the faucet
2. Check for debris caught in the aerator
3. Soak parts in vinegar
4. Rinse and reassemble the aerator
5. Reattach the aerator to the faucet



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