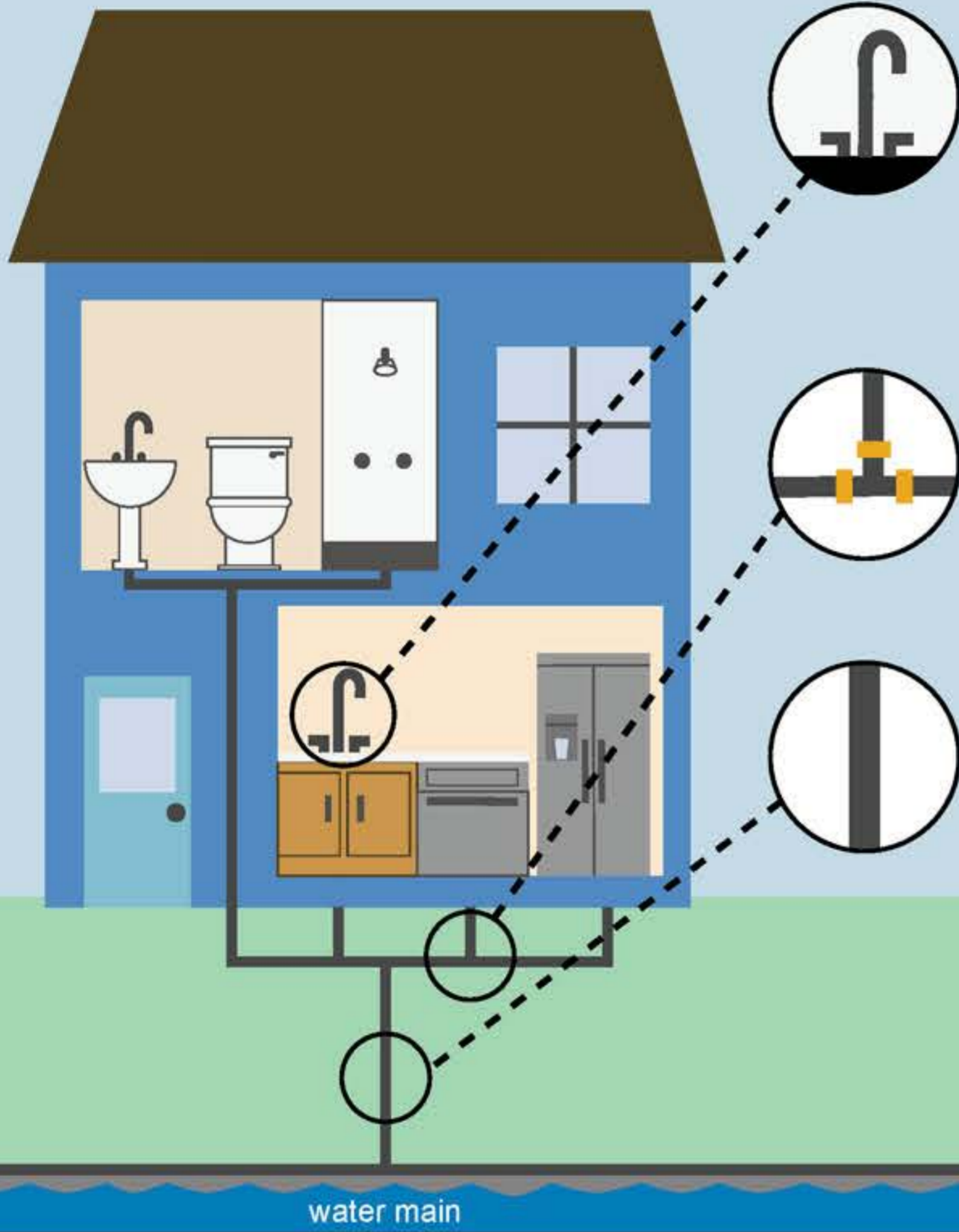


Sources of lead in drinking water

Where it may be and how to protect your family.

Where it may be in your home



Faucets

Fixtures and faucets installed prior to 2014 do not meet today's requirements for "lead-free" fixtures.

Copper pipe with lead solder

Before 1987, copper pipes were usually connected with solder that contained lead.

Lead service lines

Customer-owned service lines are the pipes that bring water from the main in the street to the plumbing in your home. In Denver Water's experience, homes most likely to have lead service lines are those built before 1951.

What you can do



Flush

- If water has not been used in the home for a few hours, such as first thing in the morning or when getting home from work, run the kitchen or any bathroom faucet for five minutes. You also can run the dishwasher, take a shower or do a load of laundry to help flush water in your home's plumbing before drinking or cooking.
- Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.



Filter

- For drinking and cooking, use a filter that is NSF certified to remove lead, especially if you are pregnant or have children under age 6. Visit nsf.org for filter options.



Maintain

- Regularly clean your faucet's screen, also known as an aerator. You can find a video online at denverwater.org/Lead.
- Replace filter cartridges at the manufacturer's recommended schedule.
- Consider replacing pre-2014 faucets with new ones.