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The following information is provided by the Philadelphia Water Department and Department of Public Health:

Old plumbing fixtures and solder, and the service pipe connecting a residential property to the public water main, may contain lead that can enter the drinking water. The City treats its drinking water to reduce the risk of exposure from lead materials used in home plumbing. Using fresh water from the main will further reduce the risk of lead exposure from your plumbing, so if the water tap has not been used in more than six hours it is recommended that you run the water for at least three minutes before drinking or cooking with it. This time may need to be longer depending on how far the tap is from the water main. Also, you should always use cold water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula. For more information, visit the Philadelphia Water Department website at www.phila.gov/water/lead.