



CITY OF SANTA CLARITA BUILDING & SAFETY

AB1953 REQUIREMENTS FOR LEAD CONTENT IN PLUMBING FIXTURES, FITTINGS, AND PIPING

Effective January 1, 2010, the State of California began enforcing a lead-free law restricting the use of lead in any pipe fitting or fixture that conveys or dispenses drinking water. The law reduces the allowable lead content in these installations to a maximum of 0.25 percent. All devices that are intended to dispense water that may be used for human consumption are included in this legislation.

According to AB1953:

“No person shall introduce into commerce, for use in California, any pipe, pipe or plumbing fitting, or fixture intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking water or cooking that is not lead free. This includes kitchen faucets, bathroom faucets and any other end-use devices intended to convey or dispense water for human consumption through drinking or cooking.”

Examples of products covered in this bill include kitchen faucets, bar faucets, lavatory faucets, supply stops, bubblers, glass fillers, and pot fillers. Any product that does not meet the criteria of the this law **cannot be sold or installed in the State of California after January 1, 2010**. Products listed to “Annex G of NSF/ANSI 61 – 2008” are considered to comply with this law.

Although it is a violation of state law to sell these products, there may be some non-compliant stock still on the shelves of supply houses, hardware stores and warehouses, or in the current inventory of some plumbing contractors. These materials are no longer permitted to be used. **This applies to ANY residential or commercial installation, including new construction or remodel.**

Please be advised, Building & Safety will begin verifying compliance with the lead-free law immediately. For additional information about this law, visit the following links on the internet:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/LeadInPlumbing.cfm>

http://www.caichildlaw.org/Misc/AB_1953_Facts.pdf

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab_1951-2000/ab_1953_bill_20060930_chaptered.html