

November 29, 2013

Re: Notice of "Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act"

Dear Valued Customers:

Beginning January 1, 2014 a new Federal regulation will be in effect intended to further reduce the allowable lead content in drinking water pipes, valves and fittings that dispense water for drinking, and water that can potentially be put into the mouth. This legislation mirrors action already taken by California and other states, thereby creating a uniform standard across the U.S. The new regulation prohibits sale and installation of faucets containing lead above a specific threshold as of January 1, 2014.

Specifically, the new law reduces the permissible levels of lead in the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings and fixtures to a weighted average of not more than 0.25%. In addition, the law retains the 0.20% lead limit for solders and flux first implemented in 1986 and stipulates a method for calculating the weighted average lead content. Products that meet this standard are referred to in the law as "Lead Free."

RCP previously has made available faucets that comply with these standards for customers in states where the standards are already in place. However, in accordance with these new Federal standards, RCP will launch an updated line of AutoFaucet products in late 2013. All of these products will meet the definition of "Lead Free" under the new law and will be available for shipment in January 2014.

Thank you for your continued support of Rubbermaid Commercial Products.

Sincerely,



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