How to Use Your PUR® Pitcher Filter Certified to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

A certified filter can be used as a temporary way to reduce lead in drinking water. Filters are made to reduce lead, but do not guarantee that all lead will be removed from your drinking water. It is important to follow manufacturer's directions.

If you're buying a filter, read the packaging to be sure it says the filter is certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 for lead reduction. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also recommends that the filter be certified for NSF/ANSI Standard 42 for particulate reduction (Class I).

What's in the box

A   Lid with filter gauge (CleanSensor™ monitor)
B   Filter cartridge
C   Pour tray
D   Pitcher

Getting your pitcher ready to use

Step 1

Take the filter cartridge (**B**) out of the box and its wrapping. Soak it in cold water for 15 minutes. Only use cold water. Using warm or hot water may harm the filter cartridge.

Step 2

While the filter cartridge is soaking, hand wash the lid (**A**), pour tray (**C**), and pitcher (**D**) with mild soap (such as dish soap) and water. Try not to submerge the lid. Rinse well. Some filter cartridge models may have a removable cover. Remove the cover and follow the same washing steps.

Step 3

After 15 minutes, remove filter cartridge (**B**) from water and rinse under cold water for 10 seconds. Let any extra water drain out.

Step 4

Place filter cartridge (**B**) into the pour tray (**C**), push down, and turn clockwise to lock it in place. Fill the pour tray (**C**) with cold water. Do not use warm or hot water. Allow the water to drain completely from the pour tray (**C**) into the pitcher (**D**).

If you notice water draining down the insides of the pitcher, this means the water is not properly going through the filter cartridge. Dump the water in the pour tray and pitcher and repeat step 4.

Step 5

On the lid (**A**) of the pitcher, press and hold the reset button for five seconds to activate the filter gauge. As you hold the button, the red, yellow, and green lights will light up together.

Step 6

Release the reset button while all three lights are still lit. After releasing the reset button, the green light will blink six times.

Now the filter gauge is activated. Your pitcher is now ready for use.

When should you use filtered or not filtered water?

Use cold filtered water for:	Use water that is not filtered for:
Drinking	Washing your hands
Cooking	Washing dishes, clothes
Making baby formula	Cleaning floors, countertops
Rinsing foods	Showering or bathing. Adults and children should avoid swallowing the water
Brushing kids' teeth	Brushing adults' teeth
Pets' water bowls*	

*Per Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Changing your filter cartridge

It is important to reset the filter gauge each time the filter cartridge is replaced. Filter cartridges need to be changed after about two months of use, or after filtering about 40 gallons of water. Each time you pour from your pitcher, a light will flash on the filter gauge six times to let you know:

- 🟩 Your filter cartridge is working = **Green light**
- 🟨 Your filter cartridge is working, but you will need to change it soon = **Yellow light**
- 🟥 The filter cartridge needs to be changed now = **Red light**

When it's time to change the filter cartridge, follows Steps 1 through 5 above. After step 5, release the reset button when the light blinks only green. This activates the filter gauge once again so you will receive the green light, yellow light, and red light notifications.

Contact the manufacturer if you have questions about your filter. For information about lead exposure and your health, call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Drinking Water Hotline at 844-934-1315 or visit Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe.