



PLUMBING SYSTEMS
LEAD-FREE BRASS
FITTINGS

FREQUENTLY
ASKED QUESTIONS



Lead-free Brass Transition Fittings and Valves FAQs

Why is Uponor offering lead-free brass transition fittings and valves?

Uponor is responding to recent proposed and approved lead-level and lead-free legislation from states such as California, Washington, Maryland and Vermont. For example, the state of California lead-free legislation states that all metallic fittings, fixtures and any material that conveys potable tap (drinking) water must meet a level of lead criteria at or below 0.25% by composition. Offering these lead-free brass fittings also exceeds the United States Safe Drinking Water Act.

When is the current legislation set to take effect?

California and Vermont have already approved their proposed lead-free legislation, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2010. Washington is currently accessing an implementation date, and Maryland recently proposed a bill approving lead-free legislation. Once a state's legislation is approved and takes effect, all suppliers of metallic potable water components

must prove their products meet the lead-level criteria by complying with the minimum requirement from the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) and displaying the NSF us-pw-G markings.

Does Uponor offer all the lead-free transition fittings needed to plumb a complete home?

Yes. Uponor offers a comprehensive line of sweat fittings, threaded fittings, stub-outs, valves and wall boxes that can plumb a home with up to 1¼" inlet. Combining these transition fittings with our PEX tubing, extensive engineered plastic (EP) offering and ProPEX® Out-of-the-Wall support system offers the industry's first complete lead-free plumbing system from inlet to faucet.

Does this lead-free requirement affect Uponor's PEX tubing or EP fittings?

No, Uponor's PEX tubing and EP fittings contain no lead-level concerns.

Will lead-free brass be replacing our current yellow brass and dezincification-resistant (DZR) brass fittings?

The lead-free brass transition fittings are a supplement to our current brass offerings.

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