

WILKINS

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Re: Lead-Free Legislation

To our Valued Customers:

I am pleased to share an update with you on what Wilkins is doing to ensure that our loyal customers who are impacted by lead-free legislation at the state level are in full compliance with state laws and health codes well in advance of the effective date of January 1, 2010.

Wilkins has converted a significant portion of our product offering either to a lead-free bronze alloy or to an alternative material that completely complies with lead-free rules. The Lead-Free Laws and Health Codes affect products that convey water for drinking and cooking purposes. Recent clarifications have indicated that products that convey water used in industrial, irrigation and fire protection applications need not comply.

A listing of products that have been converted to lead-free and certificates of compliance from independent laboratories for all these products and Lead-Free and Safe Water site links can be found on our website at www.zurn.com.

All Wilkins lead-free products will include an "XL" or "XL2" designation either on the casting or on the identification tag. In addition, the shutoff ball valves will have green handles (instead of blue handles) on all backflow preventers in sizes ranging from ½" to 2".

Lead-free products are in stock now, ready to ship in advance of the effective dates
For additional information concerning the California Lead-Free Legislation you may visit

We appreciate your commitment to Wilkins and we look forward to serving your needs well into the future.



Chris Connors
VP and General Manager