

Lead: Important Dates

We wanted to empower you with lead-awareness so created this list of important dates so that you can keep them handy for future reference.

Limiting Lead Content in Residential Paint

- In Australia, from 1997 lead was limited in residential paint to 1000 ppm.
- From 2021 it was limited to 90 ppm.
- The LEAD Group recommends either assuming pre-1997 paint should not be dry-sanded or heat-gunned OR test it.



Phasing Out Leaded Petrol

- In Australia, leaded petrol was phased out in 2002.
- The LEAD Group recommends testing for lead in ceiling void dust in urban homes and other buildings built before 2002.

Brass Taps

- In Australia, brass taps are still permitted to contain up to 4.0% lead.
- All drinking water from new brass taps installed in the last 3-4 years should be tested at a lab
 for lead.
- The LEAD Group recommends that you only install stainless steel taps.

Leaded Flashing on Roofs

- Since 2004 the Australian Building Code has stopped lead flashing being placed on planned rainwater collection roof areas.
- Rainwater should be tested for lead in any home built before 2004 or any later home where the rainwater tank was added after the building was built.