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For news and information about drinking water, conservation, health and safety, visit SafePlumbing.org. Created and maintained by the Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI), this convenient resource gives lawmakers, journalists, trade professionals and homeowners fast access to research findings, scientific data and industry facts.



Clean Water

What contributes to clean, safe drinking water? Numerous elements and minerals are present in our water. Some occur naturally. Some enter during the journey from utility to faucet. Lead is a notable emotional issue, and [SafePlumbing.org](https://www.safeplumbing.org) examines the subject in detail. The site provides:

- Facts about lead and safe drinking water.
- A look at lead in piping past and present.
- Understanding product certifications and markings.

PMI hosts seminars and provides educational materials to ensure an understanding of the standards, codes and markings that guide quality plumbing products and clean drinking water.



Water Efficiency

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expects 36 states to experience a water shortage by 2013. Visit this section of SafePlumbing.org to learn more water efficiency and how PMI members are meeting this critical issue head on. Content areas include:

- What causes water shortages?
- Facts about water efficiency.
- Water efficiency success stories.

PMI partners with international and domestic organizations and government agencies, such as serving as a charter member of Alliance for Water Efficiency and a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense partner.



Health & Safety

The nature of plumbing products puts the plumbing industry on the front lines of the public health and safety. Information presented here covers a wide range of health and safety topics. An online [glossary](#) defines key terms. Topics include:

- Managing water flow for safety and comfort.
- Overview of new anti-microbial advancements in plumbing products.
- Safe accessible design; mainstreaming and universal design considerations.

PMI advocates for sound environmental and public health policies in the regulatory/legislative processes such as helping protect users from hazards and enhancing sanitation.



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As executive director of the Plumbing Manufacturers Institute (PMI), Barbara is responsible for the institute's legislative, lobbying, legal and codes/standards activities, as well as the administration of two annual meetings and membership outreach. Under her leadership, membership has increased since she joined PMI in 1998. With a bachelor's in journalism, Barbara serves as PMI's primary spokesperson and is known for putting top industry issues into terms for people to understand how plumbing impacts their daily lives. She is a past chair of the Council of Manufacturing Associations' board of directors, and a member of the National Association of Manufacturers, the Procurement Committee for World Vision Storehouse, and the U.S. Department of Commerce Industry Trade Advisory Committee.

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Plumbing Manufacturers Institute

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American Standard, Inc.	Haws Corporation
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Caroma Industries, Ltd.	Lavelle Industries
Cash Acme	Moen Incorporated
Delta Faucet Company	NEOPERL, Inc.
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