Members of the public are advised that some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the risk is small, it is recommended that consumers flush a mugful of water from their drinking water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

The Invercargill City Council, together with the Ministry of Health, recommends this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

This notice is issued in compliance with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standard.