

### **Filter Element Installation**

Step 1: **INSTALL FILTER ELEMENTS:** Place the rubber washer over the threaded filter mount and install into holes in the base of the upper chamber. Screw on the filter nut from bottom surface of upper chamber ensuring that a seal is made. Repeat for additional filters. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**

Step 2: **CONDITION FILTERS:**

- Ensure that the spigot is in the "OFF" position. Wipe the ceramic dust from the outer surfaces of the filter elements with a damp cloth.
- Fill upper chamber fully with cold or room temperature water and cover with lid. Allow all water to gravity filter into lower chamber.
- Open the spigot to allow all water to run to waste. Allow filters to stand unused overnight. Refill upper chamber again with water and open spigot for two minutes and allow water to run to waste.
- The British Berkefeld® water filter is now ready to use.

**Note:** If the filters are left to stand for more than 3 days, then it is recommended that water be run to waste for 1 minute before using. When installing filter elements for the first time or replacing a used element with a new one, it is important to condition the new filters using the above procedure.

### **Cleaning Instructions**

As the elements filter out particulates from the water, the flow will gradually reduce. The flow rate of the ceramic filter can be easily renewed by simply brushing its outer surface with a soft toothbrush or soft Scotch-Brite® pad under running water. As the top layer of ceramic and the contaminants are brushed off and flushed away, a new layer becomes available. This process can be repeated over and over before the ceramic material is exhausted.

1. Carefully remove the ceramic filter from the upper chamber.
2. Using a soft toothbrush or soft scouring pad (3M Scotch-Brite® or similar), scrub the filter under running water or in a bowl of water. Always brush away from threaded mount, taking care not to contaminate the mount. Never use soap or detergents.
3. Replace the filter in the upper chamber. Be sure that sealing washer is properly seated by turning nut until tight.

**Note:** Rubber gloves are suggested.