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A NEAR PAIR OF GEORGE III LEAD PUMP HOPPERS

each with a box top with leafy ornament and cylindrical spout raised on a tapered up-pipe

DIMENSIONS: 84cm (33") High, 22cm (8^{3⁄4}") Wide, 27cm (10^{3⁄4}") Deep

STOCK CODE: 46022



HISTORY

These characterful spouts were the means by which water was raised from a cistern, well or trough. They can still be found mounted on out-buildings and service light-wells in larger houses – complete with an iron armature at the side and a paddle mechanism within to the raise the water. They were usually encased within a timber cabinet. Often it is only the lead hopper that survives the centuries.

Most early Georgian rain-water goods and plumbing and cisterns in houses of note were made from lead (Pb) – hence the term “plumber”.