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## A GEORGE III LEAD PUMP HOPPER

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

DIMENSIONS: 93cm (36<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"") High, 26cm (10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"") Wide, 35cm (13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"") Deep

STOCK CODE: 46427



### 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 inside to 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".