

Flint Residents: Information on Drinking Water



Until further notice: February 5, 2016

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention agree that there is no safe blood lead level in children. Lead is harmful to health, especially for children. While paint, dust, and soil are the most common sources of lead, it can also enter drinking water when service pipes that contain lead corrode. Water utilities use corrosion control strategies to help prevent corrosion.

Due to Flint's recent return to using water from the Great Lakes Water Authority, the protective coating within service lines is being built up to appropriate levels. EPA is currently collecting samples to determine the effectiveness of the corrosion control measures being taken. Until sufficient information is gained to determine when the water is safe to drink, EPA and CDC recommend that people only consume bottled or filtered water.



Filters

Flint's drinking water is currently not safe to drink without being passed through NSF-certified filters that have been rated to remove lead. The filters that have been provided to residents by local agencies meet this certification.

Cleaning Your Aerators

Unscrew the end-piece of your faucet where the water comes out. This is called an aerator. (Make note of how the pieces come off, to put back together). Remove the screen and rinse out any dirt that has collected. Then screw it back on. Make sure to put your filter back on if you removed it. You should clean your aerators once a week.



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resources

Important Tips

- The safest choice for pregnant women and kids under six years of age is to use bottled water for drinking, cooking or making formula.
- Do not drink water straight from a faucet. It isn't safe right now
- Filtered water is a safe option as long as your filter is certified to remove lead and you follow all the instructions on how to use it/when to replace
- Run water 1-2 mins every morning to flush pipes
- Do not cook with unfiltered water. Always start with cold filtered water.
- You can wash your hands with unfiltered water.
- You can bathe and shower in unfiltered water. However, no one should drink bathwater-especially babies and children.

Important Resources for Flint Residents

Contacts for Flint Residents

For questions about safe water

Email flintwater@epa.gov

visit www.epa.gov

or call EPA's free hotline: 800-426-4791

The hotline will provide simultaneous telephonic interpretation into Spanish and other languages.

To get your water tested for free

Email flintwater@cityofflint.com or

call the Flint Water Plant: 810-787-6537

To get your blood tested or ask about skin rashes

Call your primary care provider, or call: 2-1-1

Odor

If you're worried about the smell of your water: Call 2-1-1

Where to Get Free Bottled Water, Filters, and Home Water Testing Kits

Every day from 9am - 9pm	Every day from 9am - 4pm
Fire Station #1 310 East 5th St. Flint, MI 48502	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services 125 E. Union St. Flint, MI 48502
Fire Station #3 1525 Martin Luther King Ave. Flint, MI 48503	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services 4809 Clio Road Flint, MI 48504
Fire Station #5 3402 Western Rd. Flint, MI 48506	Genesee County Community Action Resource Department 2727 Lippincott Flint, MI 48507
Fire Station #6 716 West Pierson Rd. Flint, MI 48505	Genesee County Community Action Resource Department 601 N. Saginaw Flint, MI 48502
Fire Station #8 202 East Atherton Rd. Flint, MI 48507	Flint City Hall 101 Saginaw St #310 Flint, MI 48502