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STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO REDUCE YOUR POTENTIAL LEAD EXPOSURE FROM DRINKING WATER

- ✓ **Run your water before drinking.** The more time water has been sitting in your home's pipes, the more lead it may contain. Therefore, if your water has not been used for several hours, run the water before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes lead-containing water from the pipes.
 - For homes **WITH** a lead service line or galvanized service line previously connected to lead, run the water for at least five (5) minutes to flush water from both the interior building plumbing and the service line.
 - For homes **WITHOUT** a lead service line or galvanized service line previously connected to lead, run the water for 30 seconds to two minutes, or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature.
- ✓ **Flush your pipes after long periods of non-use.** If you are moving into a new home or apartment or residence that has been unoccupied for some time, or have a longer service line, you should run all faucets an extended period of five minutes or more before using any water for drinking or cooking.
- ✓ **Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling will not remove the lead.
- ✓ **Use cold water for drinking and cooking.** Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap. Lead dissolves more easily into hot water.
- ✓ **Use cold water for preparing baby formula.** Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula. If you have a lead service line or galvanized service line previously connected to lead, consider using bottled water or a filter certified to reduce lead to prepare baby formula.
- ✓ **Clean your faucet aerator.** As part of routine maintenance, the aerator on the end of your faucet should be removed at least every six months to rinse out any debris that may include particulate lead.

- ✓ **Consider using a water filter.** Read packaging to find a filter that meets NSF/ANSI Standard 53 for the reduction of lead. Be sure to maintain and replace the filter device in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to protect water quality. Look for filters that are tested and certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 for lead reduction. If your household includes a child or pregnant women and you are not able to afford the cost of a lead filter, please contact the Oakland County Health Department.



- ✓ **Consider replacing older plumbing fixtures that likely contain lead.** Older faucets, fittings, and valves sold before 2014 may contain higher levels of lead even if they are marked "lead-free." Faucets, fittings, and valves sold after January 2014 are required to meet a more restrictive "leadfree" definition but may still contain up to 0.25 percent lead. Consider contacting a licensed plumber to have a plumbing assessment done. This can help determine if your in-home plumbing is a source of lead in drinking water.

- ✓ **Purchase New "Lead Free" Plumbing Materials.** Look for materials that are certified to meet NSF Standard 61. The EPA prepared a brochure that explains the various markings that can indicate that materials meet the new "lead free" definition.

Visit: <https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi?Dockey=P100LVYK.txt>

- ✓ **Learn about your drinking water.** Read your community's [Consumer Confidence Report](#) that is mailed to you each year or find it at on the City of Lathrup Village website at: http://cms5.revize.com/revize/lathrupvillagem/departments/water_department/index.php.

- ✓ **Check your home's water service line.** If you are unsure whether your home is serviced by a lead service, the following link and QR Code provide a useful tool to assist you in determining your home's service line material:

<https://arcg.is/1P5rPe>



- ✓ **Test your water for lead.** If you wish to get your drinking water tested, you may contact the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for a [list](#) of certified lead and copper testing laboratories. Additionally, if you are interested in having your home tested for lead, you can use a certified lab or contact the Oakland County Health Division for testing kits at the following:

North Oakland Health Center
1200 N. Telegraph Rd
Pontiac, MI 48341
248.858.1280

South Oakland Health Center
27725 Greenfield Rd
Southfield, MI 48076
248.424.7000

A comprehensive list of laboratories that test for lead can be found on the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) website at:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lead/Lead_Copper_Lab_Certs_6.1.18_633434_7.pdf

- ✓ Visit Michigan.gov/MILeadSafe for more information about sources of lead and what you can do to reduce your exposure.

CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER?

Sources of **LEAD** in Drinking Water



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