

Michigan Lead & Water Resources

The new Lead & Copper Rule sets a lower limit on the amount of lead allowed in drinking water. Because of this, some Michigan residents have recently been notified of elevated levels of lead and copper in their drinking water for the first time.

What can you do if you are notified?

1. Get your water tested

- a. To have your water tested by the Detroit Health Department
 - i. First, [use this website](#) to see if your home has lead pipes or a lead service line
 - ii. Then [fill out this form](#).
- b. If you or someone you know would like to get your drinking water tested for lead outside of Detroit, [contact one of these laboratories](#). This will cost about \$18.00.
- c. Watch: How to test your drinking water for lead and copper - [English](#)
- d. Ver: Cómo realizar un análisis para detectar la presencia de plomo y cobre en el agua potable - [Español](#)
- e. شاهد: كيفية اختبار مياه الشرب لمعرفة إذا كانت تحتوي على الرصاص والنحاس - [Arabic](#)

2. Flush your water

- a. How to flush your water pipes - [English](#)
- b. Cómo limpiar las tuberías de agua - [Español](#)
- c. كيفية تنظيف مواسير المياه - [Arabic](#)
- d. Read [these tips](#) to reduce lead in your drinking water (Spanish is on 2nd page)
- e. [Let it run...and get the lead out! Hmong Fact Sheet - EH: Minnesota Department of Health \(state.mn.us\)](#)

3. Clean your faucet aerators

- a. How to clean your faucet aerators – [English](#)
- b. [Watch a video](#) on how to clean your faucet aerators
- c. Cómo limpiar los aireadores de los grifos - [Español](#)
- d. [Mira el video](#) sobre cómo limpiar el aireador de un grifo.

4. Use Cold Water

- a. [Use only cold water](#) for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula if filtered or bottled water is not available

5. Make sure you have safe drinking water

- a. Check your local city or county's website for water filter or water bottle distribution. [Follow this link](#) to find your local health department's contact information.
 - i. If you live in Wayne County, contact the closest county office [from this list](#).
- b. Buy your own filters and/or bottled water
 - i. Read about how to identify filters that will reduce lead [here](#).
 - ii. Read about how to identify lead free plumbing products and drinking water systems [here](#).
 - iii. How to install PUR faucet filters – [English](#)
 - iv. Cómo instalar los filtros de grifo PUR – [Español](#)

6. Get your blood lead levels checked

- a. Have your family's blood lead levels tested, especially if you have young children. Ask your healthcare provider or your local health department for blood lead testing.
 - i. [Follow this link](#) to find your local health department.
 - ii. [Click here](#) to check for free mobile blood lead testing events near you.
 - iii. Lead in children and how often to test: [English](#)
 - iv. El plomo en los niños y con qué frecuencia deben hacerse las pruebas: [Español](#)
 - v. التسمم بالرصاص لدى الأطفال، وكم مرة يتوجب إجراء تحليل: [Arabic](#)
- b. If you have other questions about blood lead testing, please call the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 517-335-8885 or email them at MDHHS-CLPPP@michigan.gov.

7. Protect yourself from more lead exposure

- a. Lead can be found in paint, dirt, and dust. [Learn how to protect yourself here](#).
- b. Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home: [English](#)
- c. Protege a tu familia del plomo que hay en tu casa: [Español](#)
- d. احم عائلتك من الرصاص الموجود في منزلك: [Arabic](#)
- e. Protect yourself with nutrition: [English](#)

- f. Protege a tu familia del plomo que hay en tu casa: [Español](#)
- g. احم نفسك بالتغذية المناسبة: [Arabic](#)
- h. If you use Medicaid, have a child with elevated blood lead levels, or a pregnant person living in the home, consider applying to the [Lead Safe Home Program](#). This will cover home lead testing.
 - i. Lead Safe Home Program Application - [English](#)
 - ii. Solicitud para el Programa de Hogar Libre de Plomo - [Español](#)
 - iii. طلب الانتساب لبرنامج المنزل الآمن من الرصاص - [Arabic](#)

8. Who you can contact for more information

- a. Your local health department: [Follow this link](#) to find your local health department's contact information.
 - i. Dearborn Residents: [Lead Water Service Line Information](#)
 - ii. Detroit Residents: [Making Detroit Lead Safe](#)
- b. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Lead Services Section:
Email: HHSInfo@michigan.gov
Phone: 866-691-5323
 - i. For free language assistance services [click here](#).
- c. Your water supplier. [Follow this link](#) to find your water supplier.

9. Learn more about Lead and Copper and related health effects

- a. Read about lead in drinking water: [English](#)
- b. Infórmese sobre el plomo en el agua potable: [Español](#)
- c. اقرأ عن الرصاص في مياه الشرب: [Arabic](#)
- d. Recursos en español: [Plomo | US EPA](#)
- e. Find resources in Spanish, Arabic, and many other languages [here](#) AND [here](#).
- f. More information on [health effects from lead](#)
- g. [Questions and answers](#) about the Lead & Copper Rule
- h. Find out more about the [how the New Lead and Copper Rule works](#):
 - i. More information here: [Supporting Implementation of Michigan's Revised Lead and Copper Rule | Graham Sustainability Institute \(umich.edu\)](#)