

## LEAD INFORMATION NOTICE



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Dear Water Customer:

Today's Date: 2/29/24

Our water system will soon begin a water line maintenance and / or construction project that may affect the lead content of your potable water supply. Lead, a metal found in natural deposits, is harmful to human health, especially young children, and pregnant women. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that can carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The most common exposure to lead is swallowing or breathing in lead paint chips and dust. However, lead in drinking water can also be a source of lead exposure. In the past, lead was used in some water service lines and household plumbing materials. Lead in water usually occurs through corrosion of plumbing products containing lead: however, disruption (construction or maintenance) of lead service lines may also temporarily increase lead levels in the water supply. This disruption may be sometimes caused by water main maintenance / replacement. As of June 19, 1986, new or replaced water service lines and new household plumbing materials could not contain more than 8% lead. Lead content was further reduced on January 4, 2014, when plumbing materials must now be certified as "lead-free" to be used (weighted average of wetted surface cannot be more than 0.25% lead).

The purpose of this notice is for informational purposes only. While it's not known for certain whether or not this particular water line maintenance and / or construction project will adversely affect the lead (if present) plumbing in and outside your home, below describes some information about the repair / project and some preventative measures you can take to help reduce the amount of lead in drinking water.

Repair / Project Start Dates: 3/15/24-7/15/24

Expected to be completed by: 11/30/24-12/30/24

Repair / Project location and description:

Enclosed is a project location and exhibit showing the location of the project. The work generally includes replacement of the water main and water services. Detailed project information and construction updates are available at [Joliet.gov/construction-zone](http://Joliet.gov/construction-zone).

What you can do to reduce lead exposure in drinking water during a water line maintenance / construction project:

*Run your water to flush out lead.* If the plumbing in your home is accessible; you may be able to inspect your own plumbing to determine whether or not you have a lead service line. Otherwise, you will most likely have to hire a plumber.

- If you do not have a lead service line, running the water for 1-2 minutes at the kitchen tap should clear the lead from your household plumbing to the kitchen tap. Once you have done this, fill a container with water and store it in the refrigerator for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula throughout the day.
- If you do have a lead service line, flushing times can vary based on the length of your lead service line and the plumbing configuration in your home. The length of lead service lines varies considerably. Flushing for at least 3 – 5 minutes is recommended.

*Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula.* Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily in hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula. *Look for alternative sources or treatment of water.* You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter that is certified to remove "total lead."

*Clean and remove any debris from faucet aerators* on a regular basis.

*Do not boil water to remove lead.* Boiling water will not reduce lead.

*Purchase lead-free faucets and plumbing components.*

*Remove the entire lead service line.*

*Test your water for lead.* Call the City of Joliet at 815-724-4220 to find out how to get your water tested for lead. While we do not do the testing, we can provide a list of laboratories certified to do the testing. Laboratories will send you the bottles for sample collection. Please note that we are not affiliated with the laboratories and they will charge you a fee.

- If test results indicate a lead level above 15 ug/L, bottled water should be used by pregnant women, breastfeeding women, young children, and formula-fed infants.

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Diese Mitteilung beinhaltet wichtige Informationen über Ihre Wasserversorgung und könnte Ihre Rechte beeinflussen. Wir bitten Sie, dass Sie diese Mitteilung vollständig in eine Sprache übersetzen lassen, die Sie verstehen, bevor Sie eventuelle Entscheidungen treffen, welche im Zusammenhang mit dieser Benachrichtigung erforderlich sind.

Ang abisong ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa iyong serbisyo sa tubig at maaaring makaapekto sa iyong mga karapatan. Hinihikayat namin kayo na isalin nang buo ang abisong ito sa wikang naiintindihan ninyo at bago kayo gumawa ng anumang mga desisyon na maaaring kailanganin sa abisong ito.

આ સૂચનામાં તમારી પાણીની સેવા વિશે મહત્વપૂર્ણ માહિતી શામેલ છે અને તમારા અધિકારોને અસર કરી શકે છે. અમે તમને પ્રોત્સાહિત કરીએ છીએ કે તમે આ સૂચના હેઠળ જરૂરી હોય તેવા કોઈપણ નિર્ણયો લો તે પહેલાં તમે આ સૂચનાને તમે સમજો છો તે ભાષામાં સંપૂર્ણ ભાષાંતર કરો.

Niniejsze zawiadomienie zawiera ważne informacje na temat Państwa przyłącza wodociągowego i może mieć wpływ na Państwa prawa. Przed podjęciem jakichkolwiek decyzji, które mogą być wymagane na mocy niniejszego zawiadomienia, zachęcamy Państwa do przetłumaczenia całości niniejszego zawiadomienia na język, który będzie dla Państwa zrozumiały.

إحتوي هذا الإشعار على معلومات مهمة حول خدمة المياه لديك، وقد يؤثر على حقوقك. قبل اتخاذ أي قرارات قد تكون مطلوبة بموجب هذا الإشعار فإننا نشجعك على ترجمته بالكامل إلى لغة تفهمها.

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Este aviso contiene información importante sobre su servicio de agua y puede afectar sus derechos. Lo animamos a que traduzca este aviso a un idioma que comprenda antes de tomar cualquier decisión que pueda ser necesaria en virtud del mismo.

이 통지서에는 귀하의 권리에 영향을 미칠 수 있는 수도 서비스에 관한 중요한 정보가 제시되어 있습니다. 이 통지서에서 요구하는 결정을 내리기 전에 이 통지서를 귀하가 이해할 수 있는 언어로 번역하시기 바랍니다.

本通知包含有关您的供水服务的重要信息，可能会影响到您的权利。在您做出本通知所要求的任何决定之前，我们鼓励您将本通知完整地翻译成您可理解的语言。