

NOTIFICATION: Individual Lead Water Sample Results

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The Safe Drinking Water Act requires us to provide notification on individual lead results from lead samples we collected. The table below provides that information.

SAMPLE RESULTS

SAMPLE LOCATION	DATE SAMPLED	LEAD RESULT	UNITS (ppm / ppb)
Drinking Water Fountain in Hallway	9/14/23	<0.5	ppb
Handwash Sink in Kitchen	9/14/23	<0.5	ppb
3 Bay Sink in Kitchen	9/14/23	<0.5	ppb
Food Prep Sink in Kitchen	9/14/23	<0.5	ppb
Cafeteria Multipurpose Room Sink	9/14/23	<0.5	ppb

Note: < 0.5 ppb mean that no lead was detected in the water sample at the reporting limit of 0.5 ppb.

MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL (MCLG) & ACTION LEVEL

The MCLG for lead is zero and the action level is 15 parts per billion (ppb) or 0.015 parts per million (ppm). The MCLG is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. The action level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment of other requirements which a water system must follow.

NOTE: Parts per billion (ppb) is the same as µg/L and parts per million (ppm) is the same as mg/L.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys. It can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Lead is stored in the bones and can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child can receive lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

Run your water to flush out lead: If water hasn't been used for several hours, run water for 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.

Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula: Lead dissolves more easily into hot water.

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

Remove loose solder and debris from plumbing materials: Routinely remove the faucet strainers from all taps and run the water from 3 to 5 minutes and flush out any debris that has accumulated over time.

Identify and replace lead solder: Lead solder appears dull gray, and when scratched with a key becomes shiny. A licensed plumber should be able to help with lead solder identification and replacement (if applicable).

Have an electrician check your grounding: Check with a licensed electrician to see if current grounding of wires from the electrical system can be done differently (if applicable).

Look for alternative sources or treatment of water: You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact Chebeague Island School at 846-4162 (phone).

For additional information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building, and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> or contact your health care provider.