



Homes constructed before 1950s may be served by a lead water service line. Copper pipe installed before 1985 may have been installed using lead-containing solder.

### **What is the City's water quality regarding lead and copper?**

Eau Claire Water Works treats drinking water to ensure it is not corrosive. We do this by pH adjustment that coats the surface of lead service lines, so the metal does not leach into the drinking water.

Corrosion control is an important part of Eau Claire Water Works' treatment process. By carefully managing the chemistry of our drinking water, Eau Claire Water Works ensures the water is not corrosive.

Each day, samples are analyzed to ensure the Eau Claire Water Works' treatment for corrosion control remains effective.

### **How can I reduce my risk of lead in my water?**

To determine your risk, you must understand your own water service. Testing your current water quality and identifying the type of water service pipe and fixtures you have will help you evaluate your risk.

If you have concerns about lead in your water, consider having your water tested. Use the link to the City/County Health Department to get the process started.

Replace your lead water service line, interior lead piping and any leaded water fixtures. All galvanized piping should be upgraded to copper piping as recommended by the AWWA.

### **What other measures can I practice for good water quality drinking water?**

Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.

Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator).

Consider using a water filter certified to remove lead and know when it's time to replace the filter.

Before drinking water from your tap each morning, flush your pipes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes.

If there has been construction on the street or yard near your home, flush your pipes.

### **Should I have my water tested?**

The City of Eau Claire's water quality very closely monitored every day. Our finished drinking water contains no lead.

If you are concerned about your particular property, you may by all means test your drinking water quality. To find out how to test your water, please contact Environmental Health at the City/County Health Department for types of tests and pricing. Contact the City/County Health Department at 715-839-4718 or use this link.

Contact the Utilities Division for more information about qualifying for the LSLRP.

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