



FACTS ABOUT THE CITY OF NEWARK'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

- **Homes served by the Pequannock water system are at risk of elevated levels of lead, treatment for lead in the Wanaque water system continues to be effective.**
 - The majority of Newark households are not impacted because they receive water from the Wanaque system, where testing shows corrosion control (orthophosphate) is still effective.
 - Service lines in homes built after 1986 do not contain lead due to federal ban on lead pipes, and in 1953 the City of Newark disallowed new construction projects to utilize lead service lines and plumbing.
 - **Office buildings, large apartment buildings, hotels, and hospitals are unlikely to have lead service lines because ductile and cast iron, rather than lead pipes, were used in the construction of larger buildings.**
- **Newark has obtained funds to replace all lead service lines in the city at no cost to residents.**
 - There are approximately **18,000** privately owned, decades-old lead service lines within the City; **15,000** are within the Pequannock water system.
 - Lead gets into the water when it flows through those pipes. Newark's source water remains clean.
 - **It is important for all property owners with lead service lines to sign up to have their lead pipes removed** at <https://www.NewarkLeadServiceLine.com/Register>.
- Since October 2018, the City of Newark has taken proactive steps to protect families who may be at risk:
 1. Launched a **new corrosion control system** (the same system used in the Wanaque water system) that experts expect will reduce lead levels by the end of this year.
 2. Created a **\$120 million** program to expedite the replacement of lead service lines on private property and modernize Newark's infrastructure. Over **800** lead service lines have been replaced to date.
 3. Distributed over **38,000** water filters and over **31,000** replacement cartridges, free-of-charge; providing free blood testing for children under 6; and providing free water testing.
- On 8/9/19, the City of Newark and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) found that water filters in two homes may not be working as expected.
 - **The City, the NJ DEP, EPA and the filter manufacturer are testing filtered drinking water in many more homes to determine the full scope of the situation and best course of action.**
 - Out of an abundance of caution and until additional testing is completed, bottled water is being distributed to impacted residents.
- It is important to know that this is very different from the situation in Flint.

- Flint was a result of a deliberate switch to a more corrosive water source to save money, without the use of corrosion control chemicals. **The City of Newark has consistently used the same water supply and corrosion control treatment in compliance with all regulations.**
- In Flint, the federal government stepped in to finance a major part of removing lead service lines. **In Newark, the city, the state and the county are working together to accelerate the replacement all of the lead service lines in the city at no cost to property owners.**

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MINIMIZE RISK

- Residents in the Pequannock service area who have lead services lines are advised to use bottled water for drinking, cooking and preparing baby formula.
- Find out if you are eligible for bottled water at www.NewarkLeadServiceLine.com or call 973-733-6303.
- Request a free inspection of your lead service line or have your water tested at www.NewarkLeadServiceLine.com or call 973-733-6303.
- Register online to replace your residential lead service lines at <https://www.NewarkLeadServiceLine.com/Register>.
- Have your child tested for lead by calling 973-733-5323.

Impacted Pequannock residents can pick up water at the following locations:

- **8:30am-4:30pm – Monday through Friday:**
 - Newark Department of Health and Wellness, 110 Williams Street
 - Pregnant mothers and residents who are on WIC are advised to go to the Department of Health and Wellness
- **11:00am-7:00pm – Monday through Friday; 11:00am-6:00pm on Saturday; 11:00am-5:00pm on Sunday:**
 - Bo Porter Sports Complex, 378 Lyons Avenue
 - Boylan Street Recreation Center, 916 South Orange Avenue
 - Vince Lombardi Center, 201 Bloomfield Avenue

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