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LEAD & COPPER

Recent media coverage has made lead in drinking water a topic of discussion. Residents are looking at the Flint, Michigan situation and asking, "How does that situation relate to my own water system?" We encourage people to be better aware of their water supply, but to keep any comparison in perspective.

First, the Flint community is served by an older distribution system, consisting of water mains and service lines that contain lead material. Compare this to the Warwick Township Municipal Authority (WTMA) system which was established in the early 1980's. Due to WTMA's newer infrastructure, all water mains were constructed with ductile iron pipe and the service lines with either copper or plastic pipe. This significantly reduces the potential of lead leaching from the water mains and service lines. So with that understanding, what is the exposure for lead in a newer system like WTMA?

The risk of lead in your drinking water will be predominantly in homes that had copper plumbing installed in a certain timeframe. Homes built between 1983 – 1991 could consist of copper water piping and have solder containing lead. However, many homes built in that time frame had plastic water pipes installed, which greatly reduces the risk of lead leaching from a home's internal plumbing. However for any home, there is a small risk of trace levels of lead leaching from plumbing accessories such as fixtures, connections, and valves.

Per PADEP requirements, WTMA is required to test for lead and copper every three years. The next testing will be in 2016. Due to the number of customers WTMA serves, we conduct sampling at ten sites in the Rothsville system and twenty sites in the Lititz system. If you have a home built between 1983 – 1991, have copper internal plumbing, and would like to be considered to be a sample site, please contact the Authority office at 717-627-2379 and we will evaluate your location.

Please check our next Water Quality Report, which will contain data for sampling done in 2015, to be issued in June of 2016. You can also get more information relating to this topic on our website at www.warwicktownship.org.

PLEASE KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR OF VEGETATION

As we look forward to spring and the growth of flowers and plants, keep in mind that residents are required at all times to maintain access to fire hydrants located on their property. Per Section XVIII of the Water Rates Rules & Regulations, landscaping is not to be installed within 4 feet of a hydrant. Please make sure that all plantings are trimmed to allow full visibility of the hydrant. In the event of an emergency, it is imperative that emergency personnel can quickly locate the hydrant.

UNACCEPTABLE



ACCEPTABLE



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- Cash
- Check
- Money Order
- ACH (see our website for the form)
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