

# TAKING ACTION ON FLINT WATER

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Lead plumbing is common in homes built prior to 1986, and **anyone in the state with lead pipes in their home can take some extra precautions** to minimize lead in their drinking water.

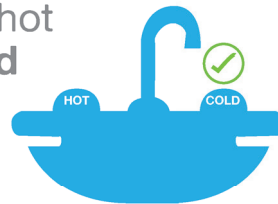
1. Get your water tested at no cost to ensure water is safe. **To get your water tested**, please call the city of Flint Water Plant at (810) 787-6537 and then press 1.



2. To ensure safe drinking water, you can also get a free filter. Please visit [mi.gov/FlintWater](http://mi.gov/FlintWater) to find where you can get a free filter.

3. It takes time for lead to accumulate in drinking water from plumbing, and so **flushing your pipes prior to using them** can minimize your exposure.
  - To flush your pipes, run the water until it's as cold as it will go. This can take as little as 5 to 30 seconds if you have recently flushed the toilet or otherwise used water in your home, or as long as 2 to 5 minutes if you have not used any water in hours.
  - In the city of Flint, **running the water for 5 minutes costs between 3 and 16 cents.**

4. Additionally, more lead gets into hot water than cold water. **Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula.**



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