- Tips for Flint Residents -

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 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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