

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT STORING BOTTLED WATER

IMPORTANT TIPS:



Government and independent water-quality experts have confirmed that the filters distributed to the people of Flint by the state have been proven to remove lead from the tap water, even at high levels. Pregnant women, nursing mothers and children under 6 are still urged to use bottled water.



Think of bottled water as food. It should be handled for safety just like other foods you eat. You need to protect the bottles of water from dirt and other things, such as germs, getting on them. Just like other food packages, if dirt or germs get on the bottles, they can end up on your hands or in your refrigerator. So keep the bottles clean.



Proper storage and cleaning of the bottles will help protect the quality and the safety of the water inside them.



The packaging used for bottled water is designed to keep the quality of water high for an extended period of time when produced under rules set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. When handled and stored properly, bottled water can be stored almost indefinitely.



Also note that bottled water manufacturers may choose to put an expiration date on their bottles of water, but this is not required by the FDA. Often, the dates provided reflect the company's guarantee on the water's taste, not its safety.

REMEMBER:

- Use filtered tap water when you can to keep the water moving in Flint
- Use bottled water for pregnant women, nursing mothers and kids under 6
- Keep bottled water in a cool place and avoid extended outdoor exposure
- Keep the water bottles clean like other food packages