

# Water Use in Benton Harbor

City of Benton Harbor residents are being asked to use bottled water while work is completed to provide assurance that efforts like filtering are proving effective in reducing lead exposure. Free bottled water will continue to be distributed to City of Benton Harbor residents through a local-state partnership.

For more information, or to learn of bottled water distribution location, please call 2-1-1 (844-875-9211) or visit [Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe](https://Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe). Scan the QR code to find locations and times to pick up free bottled water. Berrien County Health Department's water hotline can also be reached at 800-815-5485, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## Tap water can be used for:



Showering or bathing  
(avoid swallowing water).



Washing hands.



Washing dishes.



Laundry.



Cleaning.

## Bottled water should be used for:



Drinking.



Cooking.



Rinsing foods.



Making baby formula.



Brushing teeth.



**Do not use hot water from your tap for drinking or cooking.** Lead dissolves more easily into hot water.

**Do not try to remove lead by boiling the water.** Lead is not removed by boiling. Water evaporates during boiling, so the amount of lead in the water may end up higher than before boiling.