



City of Benton Harbor Water and Filter Testing

The City of Benton Harbor water and filter testing is a collaborative effort that will include the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and U.S. Environmental Protection on Agency (EPA).

Testing is being done for a variety of purposes, with the overall goal of providing City of Benton Harbor residents with access to the highest quality of drinking water. The results from these activities will also determine whether bottled water distribution needs to continue.

	Why are these activities happening?	How many homes will be sampled?	What homes will be eligible?	Interested or want to learn more?
Filter Study (Lead Filter Testing)	To determine that filters are reducing lead in water as expected.	150-300 homes	Homes using a point-of-use filter and likely known to have lead service lines. Homes with multiple brands and types (faucet mount/ pitcher) of filters are desired.	Call the EPA at 269-248-2195. Learn more at bit.ly/EPABentonHarbor .
Sequential Study (Source of Lead in Water Testing)	To learn if lead is present in household water and if it's coming from the home's faucet, plumbing, service line, or water main.	Up to 25 homes	Homes where previous source of lead water testing data has been collected. Homes with known lead service lines, and homes with known high lead results.	Households have already been identified for this activity. Learn more at bit.ly/EPABentonHarbor .
Particle Study (Lead Type Testing)	To find out how much lead is present in drinking water and in what forms (e.g. particles broken off pipes or dissolved in water).	Up to 25 homes	Homes where previous source of lead water testing data has been collected. Homes with known lead service lines, and homes with known high lead results.	Households have already been identified for this activity. Learn more at bit.ly/EPABentonHarbor .

	Why are these activities happening?	How many homes will be sampled?	What homes will be eligible?	How to learn more and who do I contact?
Do It Yourself At Home Lead Water Testing	Residents who would like to collect the water samples on their own to learn how much lead may be in the water and if lead is coming from the faucet and/or connected plumbing.	All City of Benton Harbor residents can test their water.	All City of Benton Harbor residents can participate.	Kits can be picked up at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abonmarche Consulting 95 W. Main St., Benton Harbor, MI
Corrosion Control Testing (Source of Lead in Water Testing)	To learn the sources of lead in homes and to see if the corrosion control treatment done at the water treatment plant is performing as intended throughout the water distribution system.	30 – 60 homes	Households have already been identified for this activity, but more homes may be needed.	Call MDHHS at 866-691-5323 or visit Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe .
In-Depth Drinking Water Testing	Water is tested for a range of chemicals to understand the water chemistry coming out of the taps in individual homes.	30 – 60 homes	City of Benton Harbor homes within certain areas of the community served by the community public water supply.	Call MDHHS at 866-691-5323 or visit Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe .
Michigan Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Compliance Sampling	To learn if lead is present in household water and if it's coming from the home's faucet, plumbing and service line and confirmation of regulation compliance.	60 homes	City of Benton Harbor staff identify appropriate homes that meet regulatory requirements and reach out as needed.	Call the City of Benton Harbor at 269-927-8457.



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