

**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ADVISORY REQUIREMENTS
AND DISTRIBUTION CHECKLIST****FOR COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLIES THAT EXCEED THE LEAD ACTION LEVEL**

Issued under the authority of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399), and the Administrative Rules. Act 399, MCL 325.1019 et seq. requires that, if a water supply is found not to be compliant with the state drinking water standards, they shall be required to notify users of the extent and nature of the noncompliance. Complete and submit this form to EGLE

Act 399 requires that a Public Advisory (PA) must be issued within three business days after the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) notifies a water supply that an exceedance of the lead action level has occurred. To meet this requirement, water supplies may use this checklist to document the PA issuance activities.

Distribution must be reasonably calculated to reach all persons served by the water supply. Send this checklist, or similar documentation, to EGLE along with a sample copy of the issued PA.

START HERE (indicate one or more of the following activities)

- ☒ Issue the PA using appropriate broadcast media, such as radio and television. *Berrien County already fully aware = Email sent by EGLE*
Please list media outlets and date of broadcast: The Herald & Expositor Newspaper
1/22/20
- ☒ Post the PA in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the public water supply.
Locations posted and date of posting: 1/22/20 & 1/22/20
- ☐ Hand deliver the PA to each person served by the water supply. The water supply may use electronic transmission instead of, or combined with, printed materials as long as it achieves at least the same coverage. Date delivered: N/A
- ☐ Use a communication method other than one listed, as approved in writing by EGLE.
Date delivered: N/A

I affirm that the Public Advisory has been issued. I have enclosed a copy of the Public Advisory.

Signature

Benton Harbor
Water Supply Name

Printed Name

0600
Water Supply Serial Number (WSSN)

Title

Date

Send this checklist to the appropriate EGLE district office. Contact information for the district offices can be found online at Michigan.gov/CommunityWater. Under Information, click on "District Offices Map and Contact Information."



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Public Advisory for Drinking Water Customers in the City of Benton Harbor

(Benton Harbor) – The City of Benton Harbor has been conducting ongoing testing of the City's water supply in accordance with the regulations under the Lead and Copper Rule of the Drinking Water Act for the State of Michigan. During this ongoing compliance testing, it was found that water samples gathered in 39 residences from July through December 2019 exceeded the Action Level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) for lead within those household samples. The 90th percentile for these samples was 32 ppb for lead, with ten of the thirty-nine samples having lead levels in excess of 15ppb, ranging from 16ppb to 72ppb.

Since October 2018, the City of Benton Harbor, along with many community partners, have been taking several steps to reduce resident's exposure to lead. The City of Benton Harbor has successfully started the replacement the City's lead service lines, introduced new corrosion controls in the water supply at the City's Water Plant, and provided ongoing support and education for residents for water testing and understanding how they can limit lead exposure. The City is committed to continuing to take all corrective actions necessary to educate residents, improve the community water supply, and replace lead service lines with the goal of eliminating lead exposure in drinking water for residents. Find more information regarding the Action Level Exceedance and the City's drinking water at <https://bhcity.us> or by contacting the City of Benton Harbor Water Plant Director Mike O'Malley at 269-363-0575 or momalley@cityofbentonharbormi.gov.

Elevated levels of lead can cause health concerns. All Benton Harbor water customers are reminded to take the following precautionary actions to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water:

- Public health officials recommend that any household with a child or pregnant woman use cold water and a certified lead filter to reduce lead from their drinking water. Look for filters that are tested and certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 for lead reduction, especially when preparing baby formula. If you are not able to afford the cost of a lead filter, please contact the Berrien County Health Department. More information about obtaining a certified water filter and replacement cartridges can be found at www.bchdmi.org or by calling 800-815-5485.
- Residents who do not have a filter and have not used their water for six hours or more should flush their pipes to reduce the amount of lead in their drinking water. Pipes can be flushed by running faucets for at least five minutes, or by taking a shower, running a load of laundry or washing dishes. After flushing, run the water from your faucet until cold before drinking or cooking with the water.
- Do not use hot water for drinking, preparing food, or cooking, or preparing baby formula.
- Consider using bottled water for preparing baby formula or use Ready-to-Feed formula.
- Do not boil the water, as boiling will not reduce the amount of lead in the water.
- Clean faucets' aerators or screens at least every six months.

Additional information regarding lead in drinking water and how to reduce risk of lead exposure can be found at Michigan.gov/EGLEleadpublicadvisory, Michigan.gov/MILeadSafe, or by calling 1-800-662-9278.

BH residents again warned about possible lead in water

- By LOUISE WREGE Staff Writer

Mike O'Malley Call Louise
1/21/20

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BENTON HARBOR — For the third time in a little over a year, Benton Harbor residents are being urged to take measures to reduce their exposure to lead in their drinking water, Benton Harbor Water Superintendent Mike O'Malley said.

He said 39 homes took part in the latest round of testing for lead and copper, between July and December 2019. Some of the water samples exceeded the action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) for lead, prompting the city to send out a public advisory for drinking water late Tuesday afternoon. The 90th percentile for the samples was 32 ppb for lead, with 10 of the homes having lead levels ranging from 16 ppb to 72 ppb, meaning 29 homes were below the action level.

The city has been required to test for lead every six months since the first drinking water advisory was sent out in October 2018. O'Malley said a corrosion control system was installed in March at the Benton Harbor Water Treatment Plant that will coat the pipes to keep lead from leaching into the drinking water, but that hasn't happened yet. He said it could take up to 18 months for the corrosion control system to coat the pipes enough.

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makes it even easier to
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More Information

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**City of Benton Harbor
Citizen's Guide on
Michigan Department of
Treasury's website**
City of Benton Harbor

IN YOUR DRINKING WATER

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