

Recommendations for Licensed Food Establishments Using Water from Municipal Water Supplies with an Action Level Exceedance for Lead

ATTENTION:

The following recommendations apply to all licensed restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, food processors and food warehouses using water from a municipality with an Action Level Exceedance for Lead.

- Hire a licensed plumber who can check your plumbing and service lines for lead soldering or lead service lines.
- Test your water with a certified lab. Check with your municipality to see if free water testing is available. Visit Michigan.gov/EGLElab and choose "Drinking Water Laboratory" to learn how to order a test kit. The cost is typically \$30. If you have questions about testing your water, contact MDHHS at 517-284-4115.
- Restaurants with general questions should contact their local health department.
- Grocery stores, food production facilities or food warehouses with general questions should contact MDARD at 800-292-3939.

Practices to implement when a lead exceedance has been identified in the area. Do ALL the following steps:

- Flush water lines for at least 5 minutes each day before first daily use and after 6 hours of no water use.
- After water lines have been flushed, flush other equipment for at least 1-2 minutes.
- Properly install a filter certified to NSF Standard 53 and NSF Standard 42 (Class 1 Particulates) on faucets where drinking/cooking water is obtained as well as on other equipment that uses water for consumption.

- Maintain all water filters per the manufacturer's directions; this includes frequently changing filter cartridges.
 - Approved filter information for faucet or in-line filters can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-pou-drinking-water-filters-certified-reduce-lead>
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, and cleaning/rinsing food.

For other equipment that may use water:

- Ice machines – Install a certified lead reducing water filter on the supply line and flush the water line to the machine inlet for 1-2 minutes before first use. Or, use bagged ice from a source approved for human consumption.
- Pop machines – Install a certified lead reducing water filter and flush for 1-2 minutes before using or use bottled beverages.
- Coffee machines – Install a certified lead reducing water filter, and flush for 1-2 minutes before first use or use bottled water from an approved source.
- Slush machines – Install a certified lead reducing water filter and flush for 1-2 minutes before first use.
- Spray misters for fresh produce – Install a certified lead reducing water filter and flush for 1-2 minutes prior to first daily use.

Find more information, visit www.michigan.gov/MILeadSafe



