

City of Benton Harbor Drinking Water Road Map

Lead Service Line Replacement.



What happens after City of Benton Harbor lead service lines are replaced? Follow the pathway to learn more.

Continue Filter Usage.



MDHHS recommends using a lead-reducing filter for drinking water, cooking, and making baby formula until MDHHS has cleared your home's plumbing for use.

Fix Your Plumbing.



If any sources of lead are found in your home's plumbing, they will be fixed, removed, or replaced for **free**.

Home Lead Inspections.



Scheduling a **free** home lead inspection will find if lead is in your home, including your indoor plumbing.

Home Water Testing.



Water testing is done by MDHHS to confirm that any sources of lead in your home's plumbing have been fixed, removed, or replaced. Once MDHHS confirms that your plumbing is okay to use, you can begin using tap water without a filter.

Drinking Water Maintenance.



Maintain your home's drinking water quality by running it briefly before each use. Cleaning the aerators on your faucets also helps to maintain the quality of your water.

Lead Service Line Replacement.



Replacing lead service lines is important because:

- Service lines are the underground pipes that deliver water from the water main to a home.
- It helps prevent lead from getting into drinking water while the water sits in or moves through the service lines.
- Now that lead service lines have been replaced, other steps to improve water quality can take place. See the sections below to learn more.

Continued Filter Usage.



- MDHHS recommends using a lead-reducing filter for drinking water, cooking, and making baby formula until MDHHS has cleared your home's plumbing for use.
- You can request a filter online at bit.ly/bchd-filterrequest or you can pick one up from the Berrien County Health Department at 2149 E. Napier Ave, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Home Lead Inspections.



- Home lead inspections will find if indoor plumbing is a source of lead in your home.
- Visit bit.ly/leadsafeapplication to apply for a free home lead inspection.

Fix Your Plumbing.



- If any sources of lead are found in your home's plumbing they will be fixed, removed, or replaced for free.
- This may include removing and replacing pipes and faucets.

Home Water Testing.



- Water testing occurs after lead service lines are replaced and lead in plumbing hazards are fixed.
- Water testing is done by MDHHS to confirm that any sources of lead in your home's plumbing were fixed, removed, or replaced.
- Once MDHHS confirms that your plumbing is okay to use, you can begin using tap water without a filter.

Drinking Water Maintenance.



Follow the tips below to help maintain your home's drinking water quality.

- Keep your water moving every day by running it several seconds to bring new water into your home's pipes before using it for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula.
- You can keep your water moving by doing everyday activities, such as:
 - Running your water until it is cold
 - Taking a shower
 - Running a load of laundry
 - Running your dishwasher
- Clean the aerators on your faucets at least once every six months to remove trapped debris.
- You can choose to use a certified lead-reducing filter for water that is used for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula.

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