LEAD AWARENESS

Information for Our Community

WHERE DOES LEAD COME FROM?

Lead is a naturally occurring metal that can be found throughout in the environment. **But lead does not naturally occur in treated drinking water.** Lead can end up in drinking water when plumbing pipes and fixtures containing lead corrode. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has provided strict regulations that help limit your exposure to lead in your drinking water. CCWA is working hard to maintain our continued compliance with these regulations to continue providing our community with safe drinking water.

Scan this QR code to access the Lead Awareness page on our CCWA website!

How can I reduce lead exposure in my drinking water for myself and my family?

Flush your home's pipes by running the tap for at least one minute before drinking the water.

Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula.

Clean your aerator to reduce lead particle collection.

Use a lead-removing filter on your faucet or in a pitcher.

Why is lead in drinking water bad?

High lead ingestion can cause damage to many of our vital organs, nervous system, and red blood cells.

You are a higher risk for these health issues if you are a young child or are pregnant.

How do I know if my home has lead plumbing?

Homes built from 1930-1986 most-likely have lead plumbing **OR** copper plumbing with lead soldering.

Congress banned the use of lead pipes in 1986, making all homes built after that year lead-pipe free!

How is CCWA working to protect customers from lead?

CCWA completes lead and copper sampling at impacted homes triennially and has had low and acceptable lead levels for the past two decades.

We pride ourselves on using a highly effective corrosion control treatment process that helps keep corrosion from happening in our water lines.

We are working to identify and replace any known Lead Service Lines within our system.

Learn more at: www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water