

## Clarksburg Lead in Drinking Water Concern

### Overview:

- On May 2021, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR) identified elevated levels of lead in tap water from households receiving public water from the Clarksburg Water Board, Clarksburg, Harrison County, WV. For more information, please see this [notice from the water board](#).
- Residents who receive water from Clarksburg's water system through a lead service line or with internal plumbing assembled with lead-based solder may be impacted.
- WVDHHR continues to investigate lead service lines in the Clarksburg public water distribution system.
- Lead can cause serious health problems. All sources of lead exposure, including drinking water, should be controlled or eliminated. The greatest risk is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. For more information, see our [FAQs](#).

### What can residents do?

- Contact the Clarksburg Water Board at 304-623-3711 or at [customer.service@clarksburgwater.com](mailto:customer.service@clarksburgwater.com) to request that that your drinking water be tested or for assistance in finding out if you have a lead service line.
  - Impacted customers may be able to obtain a certified water filter or bottled water from the Clarksburg Water Board. For information on how to receive bottled water or certified water filters, please call 304-623-3711.
- Use an alternative water source for cooking, drinking, and making baby formula. If that is not possible:
  - Run your drinking water to flush out lead. Flush for two (2) minutes, if your water has been sitting for several hours. Please see this [\[Link to flushing factsheet, attached – note this version is being distributed by the water board now, but there may be an update coming\]](#) factsheet for information on how to flush your water.
  - Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula. Avoid using hot water for drinking, cooking and preparing baby formula since lead dissolves more easily into hot water.
  - Do not boil the water to try to remove the lead. (Boiling water will not reduce lead).
- Get your child's blood lead level tested by your healthcare provider.
  - If you are not able to obtain a blood lead test from your healthcare provider or do not have a provider, call the Harrison County Health Department (304) 623-9308) Monday to Friday, 8 am-4 pm, to make an appointment for free blood lead testing of children from Harrison County who under 6 years of age.

# Flush for Clarksburg

Take These Steps to Flush Pipes

[www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule](http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule)

Flushing pipes is very important to remove lead in water that has been sitting for several hours.

**NOTE:** Boiling water does NOT remove lead in your water.

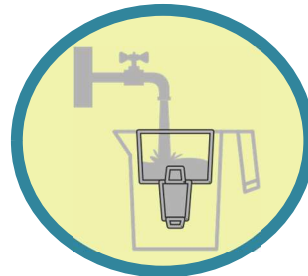
## Step 1

Run cold water at the highest flow from the kitchen faucet for 2 minutes.



## Step 2

Pour flushed water into filtered pitcher.



## Step 3

Use filtered water for drinking, cooking, and baby formula.

**NOTE:** To minimize the need for repeat flushing multiple times per day, store additional filtered water for use throughout the day.

