

# Harrison County Residents: Take action, Protect your Family from Lead



In May 2021, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources identified elevated levels of lead in tap water from some households receiving public water from the Clarksburg 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.

## Lead can cause lifelong health issues

Lead can cause serious health problems, including damage to the brain and nervous system, hearing and speech problems, lower IQ, learning and behavior problems, slowed growth and development, and decreased attention.

The greatest risk is to infants, young children, and pregnant women.

No safe blood lead level has been identified for children. Even low levels of lead in the blood can have lifelong health effects.



## What can residents do?



Contact the Clarksburg Water Board to request your drinking water be tested.



Use another water source for cooking, drinking and making baby formula. Boiling water does NOT remove lead from water.



If your water has been sitting for several hours, flush your drinking water for 2 minutes. Use cold water for drinking, cooking and preparing baby formula.



Impacted customers may be able to obtain a certified water filter or bottled water from the Clarksburg Water Board.

## Get your child tested for lead today

Contact your healthcare provider. If you don't have a healthcare provider or are unable to get a blood lead test there, contact the Harrison-Clarksburg County Health Department. You can make an appointment or walk in for a free blood lead test.

## Questions or concerns?

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