

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Hebert Health Center Water Contained High Levels of Lead

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely sample water at taps for lead. The tests from 2019-2021 showed lead levels in the water above the limit, or "action level," so we are required to evaluate our water system and corrosion control treatment options. This treatment helps prevent lead in the pipes from dissolving into the water. An adequate evaluation of our system should have been submitted to the State by 8/1/2022 but we failed to do so.

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead:

- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead.
- Find out whether your pipes contain lead or lead solder.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing lead from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water.
- Do not boil your water to remove lead. Excessive boiling water makes the lead more concentrated – the lead remains when the water evaporates.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Typically, lead enters water supplies by leaching from lead or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason. However, many older homes may contain lead pipes. Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in or leading to your home are made of lead or contain lead solder.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What is being done?

[Describe corrective action.] An evaluation of our water system will be submitted to the state by 2/15/2023. For more information, please contact Linda Wheeler at 401-231-7016.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Hebert Health Center Water System ID #R12000038

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CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

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Linda Wheeler, Administrative Contact

Hebert Health Center

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Smithfield, RI 02814

Monitoring Violation: LCR TT_57_AUG 202

Compliance Specialist: Erin O'Neill

The required public notice was provided to consumers in accordance with the requirements established in the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Public Drinking Water in the following manner on the dates provided:

Notice distributed by physical posting at front lobby inside Community Center on 11/22/22 date location(s) - specific location on premises

for a minimum of seven (7) days:

Notice distributed by (other - please describe) Handed to residents in the building on 11/22/22 date method (optional)

Signature: _____

Printed Name: Thomas C. Gentry

Date: 11/22/22

* A copy of the email including the date the notice was emailed must accompany this certificate.
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