

# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT STORING BOTTLED WATER

## IMPORTANT TIPS:



Government and independent water-quality experts have confirmed that the filters distributed to the people of Flint by the state have been proven to remove lead from the tap water, even at high levels. Pregnant women, nursing mothers and children under 6 are still urged to use bottled water.



You should think of water as food, and bottled water should be handled for safety just like many other foods you eat. You need to protect the bottles of water from dirt and other things getting on them. Just like other food packages, if dirt or germs get on the bottles, they can end up on your hands or in your refrigerator. So keep the bottles clean or clean them prior to use or refrigeration.



Proper storage and cleaning of the bottles will help protect the quality and the safety of the water inside them.



The packaging used for bottled water is designed to keep the quality of water high for a good long time when produced under rules set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. When handled and stored properly, bottled water can be stored almost indefinitely.



Also note that bottled water manufacturers may choose to put an expiration date on their bottles of water, but this is not required by the FDA. Often, the dates are put on there to reflect the company's guarantee on the water's taste, not its safety.

### REMEMBER:

- Use filtered tap water when you can to keep the water moving in Flint
- Use bottled water for pregnant women, nursing mothers and kids under 6
- Keep bottled water in a cool place out of the sun
- Keep the water bottles clean or clean them before drinking from them or refrigerating them