

Requirements for Licensed Food Establishments Using City of Flint Water

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Attention: This applies to licensed restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, food processors and food warehouses who might be concerned with lead in water.

- The best way to determine if water contains lead is to have it tested. Safe results can be posted to inform consumers.
- To schedule a free collection and analysis of your food establishment's water for lead, call 1-800-292-3939 and state you're a "Flint food establishment requesting a water test". Be prepared to provide a time when your water system can be sampled where water won't have been used for at least 6 hours. Sampling appointments as early as 5 A.M. are available.
- Restaurants with general questions should contact Genesee County Health Department at: 810-257-3612.
- Grocery or Food Processing establishments with general questions should contact MDARD at: 1-800-292-3939.

Unless the water has been tested and found to not have a lead concern, do the following:

- Flush water lines for 5 minutes each day before using or serving water and after 6 hours of no water use. Then flush other equipment such as pop machines for at least 1-2 minutes.
- Install an NSF Standard 53 certified filter on the faucet where drinking/cooking water is obtained from. Approved filter information for faucet or in-line filters can be found at: <http://nsf.com/newsroom/statement-regarding-flint-water-system-lead-issue-and-to-certification-nsf>. Filters must be changed based upon the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Use cold water and store it for immediate consumption.
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking and cleaning/rinsing food.
- Hot water must be used for dishwashing.

Other equipment that may use city water:

- Ice machines – Install a water filter on the supply line or use bagged ice in drinking water.
- Pop machines – Flush for 1 minute daily or use bottled beverages.
- Coffee machines or Tea Urns – Flush for 1-2 minutes daily or use filtered water. These products may be very low risk as young children under 6 are not likely to consume these.
- Slush machines – Use filtered water.
- Spray misters – Flush for 1-2 minutes daily or use filtered water.

A licensed plumber can check your plumbing and service lines for lead soldering or lead service lines.