

An Advisory about the Drinking Water to the Customers of the City of Parchment

Since 1993, the City of Parchment has conducted testing of tap water in the City's homes for lead and copper as required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Environmental protection Agency (EPA). The Action Level is 15 parts per billion (ppb) for lead. The 90th percentile of samples collected between July and December 2018 in the City of Parchment was 16ppb.

Exceeding the Action Level triggers additional actions including, but not limited to, increased investigative sampling of water quality and educational outreach to customers. Elevated levels of lead in the drinking water can cause health concerns. The most important thing you can do is run water to flush out potential lead contaminants.

You can reduce your risk of lead exposure from water using the information below:

- Run your water to stable, cold temperatures (usually 6 to 7 minutes) before drinking to flush out any potential contaminants.
- Use cold water tap for drinking or cooking
- Use bottled water to prepare baby formula.
- Do not boil your water - boiling will not reduce the amount of lead in water.
- Water is safe for bathing.

The City of Parchment has been doing an extensive lead education and sampling program in the areas where lead service lines may be found. The City has also distributed educational materials regarding lead to all its customers in August. Additional information regarding lead in drinking water is available at the MDEQ website: www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory and DHHS website: www.michigan.gov/lead. Additionally, the City will continue efforts to collect 20 samples every six months and review the results to determine if adjustments to treatment or operations are necessary to reduce corrosion in household plumbing.

Filters are available at no charge to all Parchment water customers. Requesting a filter or questions about the water system/testing can be directed to the City of Kalamazoo lead and copper hotline (269)337-8550 or Parchment City Hall (269)349-3785. Questions about health concerns, or getting your child's blood lead level tested can be directed to your health care provider or the Department of Health and Human Services Toxicologist (800)648-6942.

Additional information regarding lead can be found on the City's website: www.parchment.org at <https://www.parchment.org/lead-public-education-documents/> or at the MDEQ website: www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory or the Kalamazoo County Health Department website: www.kalcounty.com/hcs.