

If your home was constructed prior to 1986, the water pipes inside your home may contain lead. Therefore, let the faucet run 1-2 minutes before drinking or cooking to protect your family from the risk of lead exposure.

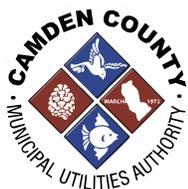


The water being provided to your home is tested and treated for lead and does meet safe drinking water standards. However, the pipes, fixtures and connections inside your home may contain lead.

For more information about lead in drinking water and how to keep your family safe visit: www.epa.gov/safewater/lead



ALL CHILDREN AGES 6 AND UNDER should have their blood tested for lead exposure.



- Lead dissolves into water over time. The longer it sits in your pipes the more lead may accumulate, so it is very important to flush your pipes first thing in the morning and when you get home after school or work. The CDC recommends running any tap water for 1-2 minutes before drinking or cooking if water has been off and sitting in the pipe for more than six hours.
- Always use cold water for drinking or cooking; lead dissolves much faster in hot water. Heat water using the stove or microwave.
- Lead is especially dangerous to children and pregnant women. It can cause many developmental, behavioral and health issues.
- You cannot see, smell or taste lead. Boiling water does not remove lead.
- Testing your water or hiring a plumber to inspect your pipes is the only way to detect it.
- A water filter may protect you from lead in drinking water; as long as it is certified to remove lead by NSF International. It is critical that you periodically replace the filter.

The most common source of exposure in children is from lead paint. Lead paint was banned in 1978. If your house was built before then it likely has lead paint in it. Pay special attention to old cracked or peeling paint, especially around friction surfaces like windows and door frames.

For a free lead dust test kit, and other resources about lead paint visit Lead & Healthy Homes at www.snjpc.org or call 888-722-2903

**Test kits are for lead PAINT dust only.
Water test kits may be purchased from your local hardware store.**