

Village of Beverly Hills Public Advisory Notice

The Village of Beverly Hills, in compliance with EPA and Michigan DEQ regulations, conducts tests of drinking water at various residential locations to check for lead and copper contamination in the water supply. These tests are conducted every three years, most recently in August and September of 2017.

One of the homes included in the latest round of testing, a home that had not previously been tested in the Village, produced a result of lead content of 228 parts per billion (ppb). The Village conducted testing at six (6) other locations, including the home immediately next door to the home with the high test results. All of the other six tests produced levels of less than 2 ppb. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assesses the effectiveness of the corrosion control measures based on the 90th percentile of all lead and copper samples collected between June and September. Inclusion of the one high test with the Village's other test samples resulted in a lead 90th percentile for the Village of 91 ppb. The Action Level for lead is 15 ppb. The Action Level is not a health based standard, but exceeding the Action Level triggers additional investigative sampling of our water quality and requires additional educational outreach to our water customers.

After receiving the results for the one home with the high test results, the Village investigated the situation with the homeowner. It was determined that the service line to that home was lead. That portion of the service line was replaced by the Village. The drinking water at this home was subsequently retested. The retest showed a level of lead content of 2.1 ppb. Levels of 2 ppb or lower are consistent with historical testing results in the Village. At this time, the Village is confident that the high levels found in the one test were related to the water service line at this one location. The Village has addressed the issue with this service line and will continue to monitor the drinking water at this residence going forward.

The Action Level is not a health based standard; Village residents and businesses can feel confident using the water supply in the same manner they have for many years. However, lead exposure from drinking water or other sources can cause serious health problems so we'd like to share some ways you can reduce your exposure to lead in your water. The most important things you can do to reduce your exposure to lead is to always use your cold water tap for drinking, cooking or preparing baby formula and let the water run for 30 seconds to two minutes, per EPA recommendations, or until it becomes cold. Do not boil your water. Boiling will not reduce the amount of lead in the water.

In the coming months the Village will be conducting extensive sampling of residential water at dozens of locations throughout the Village. The Village will also be providing educational materials within two months on residential water quality and will continue to update our residents on this issue.

For additional information on the Village's water supply please refer to our Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) at www.villagebeverlyhills.com or contact the Village Office directly at 248.646.6404. You may also contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at 800.662.9278. Additional information on the Michigan DEQ lead and copper testing program is available at www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory.